- (QR) Apply up to \$112 of the remainder of the \$225 disability-based unearned income disregard to the reasonably anticipated total monthly earned income for the family as determined in Section 44-113.213(QR).
- (SAR) Apply up to \$112 of the remainder of the \$225 disability-based unearned income disregard to the reasonably anticipated total monthly earned income for the family as determined in Section 44-113.213(SAR). (Continued)
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- .22 Section 44-113.22(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-113.22(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration. Section 44-113.22(QR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-113.22(SAR) shall become operative in a county on the date SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the County's SAR Declaration.
- (MR) Net Nonexempt Income Computation

Example 1

A nonexempt AU of 3 (a recipient and two children) has gross earned income of \$775 per month, with no other income. The family lives in Region 1.

\$ 775	Earned Income
- 225	\$225 Income Disregard
\$ 550	Subtotal
_ 275	50% Earned Income Disregard
\$ 275	Total Net Nonexempt Income

(QR) Net Nonexempt Income Computation

Example 1

A nonexempt AU of three (a parent and two children) has gross monthly earned income of \$775 per month, with no other income. The monthly income is reasonably anticipated to continue at the same amount for the QR Payment Quarter. The family lives in Region 1.

\$ 775	Earned Income
<u>- 112</u>	\$112 Earned Income Disregard
\$ 663	Subtotal
<u>- 331</u>	50% Earned Income Disregard*
\$ 331	Total Net Nonexempt Income*

* 50% Earned Income Disregard and Net Nonexempt Income must be rounded down to the nearest dollar amount: MPP 44-315.34.

(SAR) Net Nonexempt Income Computation

Example 1

A nonexempt AU of three (a parent and two children) in Region 1 reports receiving gross monthly earned income of \$775 per month in the Data Month, and no other income. The Data Month income is reasonably anticipated to continue at the same amount for the SAR Payment Period.

<u>\$ 775</u>	Earned Income
<u>- 112</u>	\$112 Earned Income Disregard
\$ 663	<u>Subtotal</u>
<u>- 331</u>	50% Earned Income Disregard*
\$ 331	Total Net Nonexempt Income*

* 50% Earned Income Disregard and Net Nonexempt Income must be rounded down to the nearest dollar amount: MPP 44-315.34.

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- .3 Net Income from Social Security, Railroad Retirement Benefits and Other Pensions
 - .31 Section 44-113.31(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-113.31(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration. Section 44-113.31(QR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-113.31(SAR) shall become operative in a county on the date SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the County's SAR Declaration.
- (MR) Net income from Social Security or from Railroad Retirement Benefits is the actual amount paid to or on behalf of a member of the assistance unit except:
- (QR) Net income from Social Security or from Railroad Retirement Benefits is the amount reasonably anticipated to be paid to or on behalf of a member of the assistance unit in the QR Payment Quarter except:
- (SAR) Net income from Social Security or from Railroad Retirement Benefits is the amount determined to be paid to or on behalf of a member of the assistance unit in the SAR Payment Period except:

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- .32 Section 44-113.32(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-113.32(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration. Section 44-113.32(QR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-113.32(SAR) shall become operative in a county on the date SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the County's SAR Declaration.
- (MR) Net income from other types of pensions and similar sources is the amount received or, if the individual is required to pay income tax on such income or has other required expenses in receiving such income, net income is the amount received less these expenses.
- (QR) Net income from other types of pensions and similar sources is the amount reasonably anticipated to be received in the QR Payment Quarter or, if the individual is required to pay income tax on such income or has other required expenses in receiving such income, net income is the amount received less these expenses.
- Net income from other types of pensions and similar sources is the amount reasonably anticipated for the SAR Payment Period or, if the individual is required to pay income tax on such income or has other required expenses in receiving such income, net income is the amount received less these expenses.
- .4 Unrelated Adults, Including Unrelated Adult Males, Living in the Home
 - .41 Net income to the Family Budget Unit (FBU) from an unrelated adult living in the home including an Unrelated Adult Male (UAM) is the sum of:
 - .411 Section 44-113.411(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-113.411 (QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration. Section 44-113.411(QR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-113.411(SAR) shall become operative in a county on the date SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the County's SAR Declaration.
 - (MR) cash given to the FBU which is available to meet the needs of the FBU and;
 - (QR) cash reasonably anticipated to be given to the AU in the QR Payment Quarter which is available to meet the needs of the AU and:
 - (SAR) cash reasonably anticipated to be given to the AU in the SAR Payment Period which is available to meet the needs of the AU and:
 - .412 Section 44-113.412(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-113.412 (QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration. Section 44-113.412(QR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-113.412(SAR) shall

- become operative in a county on the date SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the County's SAR Declaration.
- (MR) the value of full items of need provided in kind to the FBU. An item is not considered to be provided in kind to the FBU if the FBU is receiving this full item of need in exchange for the FBU providing the UAM with a different item. For example, if a UAM and AFDC mother agree that he will pay the rent if she pays their food and utilities, the FBU is not receiving in kind income for housing.
- (QR) the value of full items of need reasonably anticipated to be provided in-kind to the AU in the QR Payment Quarter. An item is not considered to be provided in-kind to the AU if the AU is receiving this full item of need in exchange for the AU providing the UAM with a different item. For example, if a UAM and a CalWORKs mother agree that he will pay the rent if she pays their food and utilities, the AU is not receiving in-kind income for housing.
- the value of full items of need reasonably anticipated to be provided in-kind to the AU in the SAR Payment Period. An item is not considered to be provided in-kind to the AU if the AU is receiving this full item of need in exchange for the AU providing the UAM with a different item. For example, if a UAM and a CalWORKs mother agree that he will pay the rent if she pays their food and utilities, the AU is not receiving in-kind income for housing.
- .42 Section 44-113.42(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-113.42(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration. Section 44-113.42(QR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-113.42(SAR) shall become operative in a county on the date SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the County's SAR Declaration.
- (MR) Cash given to the FBU which is available to meet the needs of the FBU does not include.
- (QR) Cash that is reasonably anticipated to be given to the AU in the QR Payment Quarter does not include:
- (SAR) Cash that is reasonably anticipated to be given to the AU in the SAR Payment Period does not include:
 - .421 (Continued)
 - .423 Cash which the AFDC <u>CalWORKs</u> mother and unrelated adult have specifically agreed constitutes the unrelated adult's share of the cost-of-living arrangement. For example, assume a UAM is required to make a financial contribution of \$182 to the FBU. (See Section 43-109.1 and .2.) If the UAM

- and AFDC <u>CalWORKs</u> mother agree that the UAM's share of the cost-of-living is \$200 and the UAM gives the mother his \$200 share, no part of this \$200 is available to meet the needs of the FBU. (Continued)
- .44 The value of full items of need provided to the FBU is determined according to EAS Section 44-115.83. For example, assume that a UAM and his child live with an AFDC CalWORKs mother and her two children. If the UAM pays the entire \$300 rent to the landlord, the value of the full item of need to the FBU is the lesser of (1) the in-kind income table amount for housing for three; or (2) 3/5 of \$300 (\$180). If the in-kind income table amount were \$163, the amount of in-kind income for housing to the FBU would be \$163.
- .5 Section 44-113.5(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-113.5(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration. Section 44-113.5(QR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-113.5(SAR) shall become operative in a county on the date SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the County's SAR Declaration.
- (MR) Child/spousal support which is paid to the AU by the absent parent and not forwarded to the county or which is collected by the county and paid to the AU pursuant to Section 82-520.4 shall be considered available income when received except as specified in Section 44-111.47.
- (QR) Child/spousal support which is reasonably anticipated to be paid during the QR Payment Quarter to the AU by the absent parent and not forwarded to the county shall be considered available income except as specified in Section 44-111.47.
- (SAR) Child/spousal support which is reasonably anticipated to be paid during the SAR Payment Period to the AU by the absent parent and not forwarded to the county shall be considered available income except as specified in Section 44-111.47.
- .6 Refunds of Retirement Contributions
 - .61 Section 44-113.61(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-113.61(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration. Section 44-113.61(QR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-113.61(SAR) shall become operative in a county on the date SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's SAR Declaration.
- (MR) Lump-sum refunds of the employer's share of retirement contributions shall be considered net unearned income in the month received.
- (QR) Nonrecurring lump sum refunds of the employer's share of retirement contributions shall be treated as property (see Section 42-209.2(QR)).

- (SAR) Nonrecurring lump sum refunds of the employer's share of retirement contributions shall be treated as property (see Section 42-209.2(SAR)). (Continued)
 - .62 Section 44-113.62(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-113.62(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration. Section 44-113.62(QR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-113.62(SAR) shall become operative in a county on the date SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the County's SAR Declaration.
- (MR) The interest earned on accumulated retirement contributions shall be treated as income in the month received.
- (QR) Recurring interest earned on accumulated retirement contributions shall be treated as income in the month it is reasonably anticipated to be received. If the interest payment is nonrecurring, it shall be treated as property (see Section 42-209.2(QR)).
- (SAR) Recurring interest earned on accumulated retirement contributions shall be treated as income in the month it is reasonably anticipated to be received. If the interest payment is nonrecurring, it shall be treated as property (see Section 42-209.2(SAR)).
- .7 Death Benefits (Continued)
- .8 Income from Payments Which Include Compensation for Converted Property (see Section 44-105)
 - Section 44-113.8(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-113.8(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration. Section 44-113.8(QR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-113.8(SAR) shall become operative in a county on the date SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the County's SAR Declaration.
- (MR) That portion of a payment defined in Section 44-105.3 which exceeds the value of the converted property is income. (See Section 44-207.4.)
- (QR) That portion of a payment defined in Section 44-105.3 which exceeds the value of the converted property and is recurring in nature is income. If that portion of the payment that is to be received is nonrecurring it shall be treated as property (see Section 42-209.2 (QR)).
- (SAR) That portion of a payment defined in Section 44-105.3 which exceeds the value of the converted property and is recurring in nature is income. If that portion of the payment that is to be received is nonrecurring it shall be treated as property (see Section 42-209.2 (SAR)).

Net income is that income which remains after deducting the following expenses if the recipient shows the expenses were paid by the recipient while he was a recipient and were directly related to the receipt of the payment.

.81 (Continued)

Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code; SB 72 (Chapter 8,

Statutes of 2011), Section 42.

Reference: Sections 10063, 10553, 10554, 10790, 10791, 11008, 11008.19, 11017,

11155.3, 11157, 11265.1, 11265.2, 11265.3, 11450, 11450.5, 11450.12, and 11451.5, 11453, Welfare and Institutions Code; 45 CFR 233.10; 45 CFR 233.20(a)(3)(ii)(C); 45 CFR 233.20(a)(3)(vi)(A); 45 CFR 233.20(a)(6)(v)(B); 45 CFR 255.3; 45 CFR 233.20(a)(3)(iv)(B); 45 CFR 233.20(a)(3)(xxi); 45 CFR 233.20(a)(4)(ii)(d); 45 CFR 233.20(a)(4)(ii)(p); Darces v. Woods (1984) 35 Cal. 3d 871; and Ortega v. Anderson, Case No. 746632-0 (Alameda

Superior Court) July 11, 1995.

44-115 EVALUATION OF INCOME IN-KIND

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When a need item is earned or contributed in kind, the income value placed upon such earnings, contributions, etc., is the amount specified below.

- .1 Free Board and Lodging Received During Temporary Absence from Home
 - .11 Absence One Month or Less

Section 44-115.11(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-115.11(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration.

- (MR) The value of free board and lodging received by a recipient during a temporary absence from his home of not more than one calendar month shall be exempt.
- (QR) The value of free board and lodging reasonably anticipated to be received by a recipient during a temporary absence from his/her home of not more than one calendar month shall be exempt.
 - .12 Absence Exceeds One Month

Section 44-115.12(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-115.12(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration. Section 44-115.12(QR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-115.12(SAR) shall become operative in a county on the date SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the County's SAR Declaration.

- (MR) After an absence of one month, free board and lodging, i.e., food, shelter and utilities, shall be considered income but only to the extent that continuing allowances in the grant for these items exceed the cost to the recipient of maintaining the home to which he/she expects to return. (W&IC 11009.1.)
- (QR) After an absence of one month, free board and lodging, i.e., food, shelter and utilities reasonably anticipated to be received during the QR Payment Quarter, shall be considered income, but only to the extent that continuing allowances in the grant for these items exceed the cost to the recipient of maintaining the home to which he/she expects to return. (Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11009.1.)
- (SAR) After an absence of one month, free board and lodging, i.e., food, shelter and utilities reasonably anticipated to be received during the SAR Payment Period, shall be considered income, but only to the extent that continuing allowances in the grant for

these items exceed the cost to the recipient of maintaining the home to which he/she expects to return. (Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11009.1.)

.2 Nonneedy Relatives

.21 Evaluation of Income In Kind from Nonneedy Relatives Other Than Natural or Adoptive Parents

Section 44-115.21(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-115.21(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration.

- (MR) Income in kind will only be considered if the nonneedy relative chooses to make a voluntary contribution to the FBU. The county shall determine if the nonneedy relative wishes to contribute income in kind to the support of the child(ren) in his/her care. If he/she does so, the amount of a contribution actually received shall be determined in accordance with Section 44-115.3, In kind Income Values, and be considered net income to the FBU.
- (QR) Income in kind will only be considered if the nonneedy relative chooses to make a voluntary contribution to the AU. The county shall determine if the nonneedy relative wishes to contribute income in kind to the support of the child(ren) in his/her care. If he/she does so, the amount of a contribution reasonably anticipated to be received shall be determined in accordance with Section 44-115.3, In-kind Income Values, and be considered net income to the AU.

Natural or adoptive parent, stepparents of AFDC <u>CalWORKs</u> children whose natural parent is in the home, or any other adult whose needs are met through APSB, AFDC, EVH, SSI/SSP, IRAP or In-Home Care <u>CalWORKs, SSI/SSP, IHSS, or other need based</u> programs shall not be considered to be nonneedy relatives for purposes of this section and no income in kind may be considered.

.3 In-Kind Income Values

- .31 Provided that a lower value is not established in accordance with .32 below, the inkind income amounts effective July 1, 1981 <u>2012</u> for housing, utilities (including telephone), food and clothing, as adjusted for any increases or decreases in the cost of living specified in .311, and published by the <u>CDSS</u>, shall apply for those item(s) of need received in-kind by the AU. If a lower value is established in accordance with .32 below, such value shall apply for the appropriate item(s) of need received in-kind by the AU.
 - .311 Individual in-kind income amounts shall be adjusted by the same percentage increase or decrease that is applied to the Minimum Basic Standard of Adequate Care (MBSAC) levels. Such adjustments to the in-kind income

amounts shall be effective at the same time as adjustments to the MBSAC levels become effective.

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(a) INCOME IN-KIND AMOUNTS - REGION 1

Needs Considere	ed			
# in AU	Housing	Utilities	Food	Clothing
1	191	40	105	33
2	255	45	225	62
3	279	48	287	93
4	293	51	356	124
5	293	51	430	156
6	293	51	4 97	186
7	293	51	554	220
8	293	51	607	245
9	293	51	667	281
10	293	51	720	309
<u>1</u>	<u>260</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>143</u>	44
<u>2</u>	<u>347</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>305</u>	<u>85</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>390</u>	<u>127</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>398</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>483</u>	<u>168</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>398</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>585</u>	<u>212</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>398</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>677</u>	<u>254</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>398</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>755</u>	<u>298</u>
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	<u>398</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>825</u>	<u>333</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>398</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>907</u>	<u>383</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>398</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>979</u>	<u>420</u>

INCOME IN-KIND AMOUNTS - REGION 2

Needs Considered in AU	Housing	Utilities	Food	Clothing
1	182	40	105	33
2	242	45	225	62
3	265	48	287	93
4	279	51	356	124
5	279	51	430	156
6	279	51	497	186
7	279	51	554	220
8	279	51	607	245
9	279	51	667	281
10	279	51	720	309

<u>1</u>	<u>249</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>143</u>	44
<u>2</u>	<u>330</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>305</u>	<u>85</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>361</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>390</u>	127
<u>4</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>483</u>	<u>168</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>585</u>	<u>212</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>677</u>	254 298
<u>7</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>755</u>	<u>298</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>825</u>	<u>333</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>907</u>	<u>383</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>979</u>	<u>420</u>

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- .32 Section 44-115.32(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-115.32(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration.
- (MR) If the applicant or recipient does not agree with the value arrived at in .31 above, he/she may submit evidence of the value of the item which he/she received in kind. For housing and clothing, the in kind income shall be the net market value (see Section 42 203.7) of the item received. For utilities and food, the in kind income value shall be the cost to the person who paid for the item.

If the applicant or recipient presents satisfactory evidence that the value of the item received in kind is other than the value specified in .31 above, such evidence shall be used by the county in determining the value of the item if it is to the recipient's financial advantage. Recipients who are having in-kind income deducted from their grants should be informed that this method of contesting the values established in .31 above exists.

(QR) If the applicant or recipient does not agree with the value arrived at in Section 44-115.31, he/she may submit evidence of the value of the in-kind income item which he/she receives or reasonably anticipates receiving. For housing and clothing, the in-kind income shall be the net market value (see Section 42-203.7) of the item reasonably anticipated to be received. For utilities and food, the in-kind income value shall be the cost to the person who will pay for the item.

If the applicant or recipient presents satisfactory evidence that the value of the item reasonably anticipated to be received in kind is other than the value specified in Section 44-115.31, such evidence shall be used by the county in determining the value of the item if it is to the recipient's financial advantage. Recipients who are having in-kind income deducted from their grants should be informed that this method of contesting the values established in Section 44-115.31 exists.

.33 If an applicant or recipient presents satisfactory evidence of the value of a need item shared with persons who are not members of the AU or whose needs are not

considered in the AU, the in-kind value attributable to the AU shall be the lesser of: (Continued)

.333 Example: If an AU of three <u>in Region1</u> whose needs are all considered shares free housing with another person, making a household of four, and the applicant or recipient presents satisfactory evidence that the net market value of the housing is \$120, the in-kind value of the housing to the AU would be \$90 (3/4 of \$120). If the net market value of the housing is \$375 520, in this example, then the AU's pro rata share of this amount would be \$281 390 – however, if the in-kind income table value for housing for an AU of three in Region 1 was \$251 380*, the \$251 380* value would be used because the table values established in accordance with .311 represent the maximum in-kind income value that may be applied.

* The amount \$251 380 is subject to change. Use the currently applicable amount established in accordance with 44-115.311.

Authority cited: Sections 10553, 10554, 11450, 11452.018, and 11453, Welfare and Institutions

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Reference:

Sections 11265.8, 11253.5, 11265.2, 11450, 11450.015, 11450.4(c), 11450.5, 11452, 11452.018, 11453, and 11486, Welfare and Institutions Code; and Federal Terms and Conditions for the California Assistance Payments Demonstration Project as approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services on October 30, 1992.

44-133 TREATMENT OF INCOME – CALWORKS (Continued)

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.5 Income and Needs in Cases in Which a Person is Excluded (Continued)

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.54 The following examples are provided to illustrate how to determine financial eligibility for the family in accordance with Sections 44-207.1 and .2 and the aid payment computation in accordance with Section 44-315.

Example 1: Family with No Ineligible Alien Members

Applicant applies on behalf of herself and her two dependent children. Also living in the home is a stepparent and his separate child. Stepparent earns \$1000 2000 per month from full-time employment. Mother receives \$300 per month in State Disability Insurance benefits. No other income is received by family members. The AU resides in Region 1 and is eligible for Exempt MAP.

Applicant Eligibility Determination:

\$ 1000 <u>2000</u>	Earned Income
<u>- 90</u>	\$90 Earned Income Disregard
\$ <u>1</u> 910	Net Nonexempt Earned Income
\$ <u>+300</u>	Disability-Based Income (Not subject to \$225 Disregard at application)
\$ 1210 <u>2210</u> \$ 1049 <u>1584</u>	Total Net Nonexempt Income MBSAC for Five (Includes AU and Non-AU Family Members)

Family is ineligible for CalWORKs (Net Nonexempt Income exceeds the MBSAC for Five).

Handbook Section 44-133.54(MR), Examples 2 and 3, shall become inoperative and Handbook Section 44-133.54(QR), Examples 2, 3, and 4 shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration. Handbook Section 44-133.54(QR), Examples 2 and 3 shall become inoperative and Handbook Section 44-133.54(SAR), Examples 2 and 3 shall become operative in a county on the date SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the County's SAR Declaration.

(MR) Example 2: Family with Ineligible Alien Members and Stepparent with No Income

Mother of two children has earnings of \$600 per month. One of the children is her citizen child and the other is her ineligible alien child with deprivation. Mother receives direct child support in the amount of \$85 per month for the ineligible alien child. Also in the home is the ineligible alien spouse of the mother. The spouse does not have any income. The family lives in Region 1 and does not have exempt status.

Applicant Eligibility Determination

\$ 600	Earned Income of Mother
90	Applicant Earned Income Disregard
\$ 510	Subtotal
+ 85	Unearned Income of Ineligible Alien Child
\$ 595	Total Net Nonexempt Income
\$ 595	Less than the \$920 Region 1 Nonexempt Family MBSAC for Four.
	(Family passes Applicant Test.)

Recipient Financial Eligibility Test

\$ 600	Earned Income of Mother
- 225	Income Disregard
\$ 375	Subtotal
- 187.50	50% Earned Income Disregard
\$ 187	Net Nonexempt Earned Income
+ 85	Unearned Income of Ineligible Alien Child
\$ 272	Total Net Nonexempt Income (Rounded Down)
\$ 272	Less than \$728 Region 1, Nonexempt Family MAP for Four. (Family passes Financial Eligibility Test.)

Grant Computation

\$ 728	Region 1, Nonexempt Family MAP for Four
272	Total Net Nonexempt Income
\$ 456	Potential Grant
\$ 493	MAP for AU of Two (Includes Mother and Citizen Child)
\$ 456	Aid Payment is the Lesser of the Potential Grant or MAP for the AU.

(QR) Example 2: Family with Ineligible Non-Citizen Members and Stepparent with No Income

Mother of two children has earnings of \$600 per month and the income is reasonably anticipated to continue at this amount for the QR Payment Quarter. One of the

children is her citizen child and the other is her ineligible non-citizen child with deprivation. Mother receives direct child support in the amount of \$85 per month for the ineligible non-citizen child. Also in the home is the ineligible non-citizen spouse of the mother. The spouse does not have any income. The family lives in Region 1 and does not have exempt status.

Applicant Eligibility Determination

\$	600	Actual Earned Income of Mother
	90	Applicant Earned Income Disregard
\$	510	Subtotal
+	85	Unearned Income of Ineligible Non-Citizen Child
\$	595	Total Net Nonexempt Income
\$	595	Total NNI is less than the \$1,347 Region 1 Nonexempt Family MBSAC for four, family passes applicant test.

Recipient Financial Eligibility Test

600	Monthly Earned Income of Mother
112	\$112 Earned Income Disregard
488	Subtotal
244	50% Earned Income Disregard
244	Net Nonexempt Earned Income
85	Unearned Income of Ineligible Non-Citizen Child
329	Total Net Nonexempt Income (rounded down)
329	Total NNI is less than \$762 Region 1, Nonexempt Family MAP for four, family passes recipient financial eligibility test
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Grant Computation

\$	762	Region 1, Nonexempt Family MAP for Four
_	329	Total Net Nonexempt Income
\$	433	Potential Grant
\$	516	MAP for AU of Two (includes mother and citizen child)
\$	433	Aid Payment is the Lesser of the Potential Grant or MAP for the AU

(SAR) <u>Example 2: Family with Ineligible Non-Citizen Members and Stepparent with No</u> Income

Mother of two children has earnings of \$600 per month and the income is reasonably anticipated to continue at this amount for the SAR Payment Period. One of the children is her citizen child and the other is her ineligible non-citizen child with

deprivation. Mother receives direct child support in the amount of \$85 per month for the ineligible non-citizen child. Also in the home is the ineligible non-citizen spouse of the mother. The spouse does not have any income. The family lives in Region 1 and does not have exempt status.

Applicant Eligibility Determination

Actual Farned Income of Mother

\$ 600

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- 90	Applicant Earned Income Disregard
\$ 510	<u>Subtotal</u>
+ 85	<u>Unearned Income of Ineligible Non-Citizen Child</u>
\$ 595	Total Net Nonexempt Income
<u>\$ 595</u>	Total NNI is less than the \$1,387 Region 1 Nonexempt Family MBSAC for four, family passes applicant test.

Recipient Financial Eligibility Test

Monthly Earned Income of Mother
\$112 Earned Income Disregard
Subtotal
50% Earned Income Disregard
Net Nonexempt Earned Income
Unearned Income of Ineligible Non-Citizen Child
Total Net Nonexempt Income (rounded down)
Total NNI is less than \$762 Region 1, Nonexempt Family MAP for four,
family passes recipient financial eligibility test

Grant Computation

\$ 762 - 329 \$ 433	Region 1, Nonexempt Family MAP for Four Total Net Nonexempt Income Potential Grant
<u>\$ 516</u>	MAP for AU of Two (includes mother and citizen child)
\$ 433	Aid Payment is the Lesser of the Potential Grant or MAP for the AU

(MR) Example 3: Family with Ineligible Alien Members and Stepparent with Income and Excluded Dependents

Recipient mother receives aid for herself and one child. The mother has \$600 gross earnings. Also living in the home is: 1) the ineligible alien spouse of the aided parent; 2) the aided mother's ineligible alien child in common with no deprivation; 3) the aided mother's citizen child in common who has no deprivation; and 4) a separate

ineligible alien child of the spouse. The spouse has \$375 earned income. The family is nonexempt and lives in Region 1.

Eligibility/Grant Computation

Step 1	\$975	Family's Gross Earned	Income
_	-225	\$225 Income Disregard	1
	\$750	Subtotal	
	_375	50% Earned Income D	isregard
	\$375	Net Earned Income	
	\$375	Total Family Net None	exempt Income
Step 2	\$931	Family MAP for Six	(All excluded dependents of the stepparent are included, regardless of deprivation since the stepparent's income is used.)
	-375 \$556	Total Family Net None Potential Grant	exempt Income
Step 3	\$493	AU MAP for Two	
	\$556	Potential Grant	
	\$493	Aid Payment (Lesser o	f AU MAP or Potential Grant)

(QR) Example 3: Family with Ineligible Non-citizen AU Members and Stepparent with Income and Excluded Dependents

Recipient mother receives aid for herself and one child. The mother has earnings of \$600 per month that is reasonably anticipated to continue at the same amount during the QR Payment Quarter. Also living in the home are: 1) the ineligible non-citizen spouse of the aided parent; 2) the aided mother's ineligible non-citizen child in common with no deprivation; 3) the aided mother's citizen child in common who has no deprivation; and 4) a separate ineligible non-citizen child of the spouse. The spouse has \$375 per month earned income that is reasonably anticipated to continue at the same level during the QR Payment Quarter. The family is nonexempt and lives in Region 1.

Eligibility/Grant Computation

Step 1	\$ 975 - 112 \$ 863 - 431 \$ 431	Family's Monthly Earned Income \$112 Income Disregard Subtotal 50% Earned Income Disregard* Net Earned Income
	\$ 431	Total Family Net Nonexempt Income*
Step 2	\$972	Family MAP for Six (All excluded dependents of the stepparent are included, regardless of deprivation since the stepparent's income is used.)
	<u>- 431</u> \$ 541	Total Family Net Nonexempt Income Potential Grant
Step 3	\$516	AU MAP for Two
	\$541	Potential Grant
	\$516	Aid Payment (lesser of AU MAP or potential grant)

(SAR) Example 3: Family with Ineligible Non-citizen AU Members and Stepparent with Income and Excluded Dependents

Recipient mother receives aid for herself and one child. The mother has earnings of \$600 per month that is reasonably anticipated to continue at the same amount during the SAR Payment Period. Also living in the home are: 1) the ineligible non-citizen spouse of the aided parent; 2) the aided mother's ineligible non-citizen child in common with no deprivation; 3) the aided mother's citizen child in common who has no deprivation; and 4) a separate ineligible non-citizen child of the spouse. The spouse has \$375 per month earned income that is reasonably anticipated to continue at the same level during the SAR Payment Period. The family is nonexempt and lives in Region 1.

Eligibility/Grant Computation

Step 1	\$ 975	Family's Monthly Earned Income
	<u>- 112</u>	\$112 Income Disregard
	\$ 863	<u>Subtotal</u>
	<u>- 431</u>	50% Earned Income Disregard*
	\$ 431	Net Earned Income
	\$ 431	Total Family Net Nonexempt Income*

Step 2	<u>\$972</u>	Family MAP for Six	(All excluded dependents of the
			stepparent are included, regardless of
			deprivation since the stepparent's
			income is used.)
	<u>- 431</u>	Total Family Net None	exempt Income
	\$ 541	Potential Grant	
		<u>=</u>	
Step 3	\$516	AU MAP for Two	
<u>-</u>	<u>· </u>		
	\$541	Potential Grant	
	$\Psi \mathcal{J} + 1$	1 Otentiai Grant	
	¢516	Aid Daymant (lassar of	FALLMAD or notantial grant)
	<u>\$516</u>	Aid Payment (lesser of	AU MAP or potential grant)

* 50% Earned Income Disregard and Net Nonexempt Income must be rounded down to the nearest dollar amount: MPP Section 44-315.34

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.55 (Continued)

Authority cited: Sections 10553, 10554, 10604, and 11369, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Reference:

Sections 10063, 10553, 10554, 10604, 11008.14, 11017, 11254, 11320.15, 11450, 11451.5, 11452, 11453, 11454, 11454.2, 11486, 18937, 18940, and 11371, Welfare and Institutions Code; 45 CFR 205.50(a)(1)(i)(A); 45 CFR 233.20(a)(1)(i); 45 CFR 233.20(a)(3)(ii)(C), (a)(3)(vi)(B), (a)(3)(xiv), (a)(3)(xiv)(B), and (xviii); 45 CFR 233.50(A)(c); and 45 CFR 233.90(c)(2)(i); Family Support Administration Action Transmittal 91-15 (FSA-AT-91-15), dated April 23, 1991; and Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1990; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Federal Action Transmittal No. FSA-AT-91-4 dated February 25, 1991; Simpson v. Hegstrom, 873 F.2d 1294 (1989); Ortega v. Anderson, Case No. 746632-0 (Alameda Superior Court) July 11, 1995; and Federal Register, Vol. 58, No. 182, pages 49218 - 20, dated September 22, 1993; 8 U.S.C. 1631; and 42 U.S.C. 602(a)(39).

44-205 ESTABLISHING THE AU

44-205

- .1 Aid Based on Pregnancy (Continued)
 - .12 The application for aid based on pregnancy and/or the application for the pregnancy special need is considered an application for the "family." In addition to the pregnant woman, the family includes the following:
 - .121 The unborn, when born and living with the mother.
 - (a) Section 44-205.121(a)(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-205.121(a)(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's Declaration.
 - (MR) The otherwise eligible newborn shall be added to the assistance unit effective the date the newborn joins the assistance unit and meets the conditions of eligibility.
 - (QR) The otherwise eligible newborn shall be added to the assistance unit effective the first of the month following the month in which the birth was reported if it results in an increase in cash aid and all conditions of eligibility have been met and verification has been provided.

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Handbook Section 44-205.121(a)(MR) shall become inoperative and Handbook Section 44-205.121(a)(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration.

- (MR) In most cases the effective date of including the needs of the newborn will be the date of birth.
- (QR) In most cases, the effective date of including the needs of the newborn will be the first of the month following the month in which the birth was reported.

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.122 The father of the unborn when he is in the home at the time application is made and through the month of birth. See Section 82-832.13.

- (a) Section 44-205.122(a)(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-205.122(a)(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration. Section 44-205.122(a)(QR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-205.122(a)(SAR) shall become operative in a county on the date SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the County's SAR Declaration.
- (MR) The unaided father shall be added to the assistance unit effective the date the father meets all eligibility requirements, on or after the date the child is born.
- (QR) The unaided father shall be added to the AU effective the first of the month following the month in which the birth was reported if adding him results in an increase to cash aid and all conditions of eligibility have been met and verification has been provided. If adding him results in a decrease, the father shall be added to the AU in the following quarter, if all conditions of eligibility have been met and verification provided, pursuant to Section 44-318.16(QR).
- (SAR) The unaided father shall be added to the AU effective the first of the month following the month in which the birth was reported if adding him results in an increase to cash aid and all conditions of eligibility have been met and verification has been provided. If adding him results in a decrease, the father shall be added to the AU in the following SAR Payment Period, if all conditions of eligibility have been met and verification provided, pursuant to Section 44-318.16(SAR). (Continued)
- .7 Section 44-205.7(MR) et seq. shall become inoperative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration.
- (MR) Separate FBU
- (MR) .71 A separate FBU for an otherwise eligible person(s) whose needs were not considered in the lump sum computation may be established when the existing FBU is in the period of ineligibility resulting from receipt of lump-sum income.

Authority cited: Sections 10553, 10554, and 10604, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Reference: 42 USC 602(a)(19)(G)(i)(I); 54 FR 42172 (October 13, 1989); 45 CFR 206.10(a)(1)(vii) and 250.34(c)(3); Federal Action Transmittal SSA-AT-86-01, Sections 10553, 10554, 10604, 11265.1, 11265.2, 11265.3, 11327.5(c)(3), 11450(b) and 11450.5, Welfare and Institutions Code; and Simon v. McMahon, Stipulation for Dismissal and Order, April 21, 1989, Contra Costa Superior Court, No. 272468.

44-207 INCOME ELIGIBILITY

44-207

- .1 The following financial eligibility test shall be applied to applicant cases.
 - .11 (Continued)
 - .111 (Continued)
 - (b) (Continued)

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Example: Applicant applies for assistance for herself and her one dependent child. The mother (applicant) works part-time for \$600 per month. The family is nonexempt and lives in Region 2.

Applicant Eligibility Determination

\$ 600	Earned Income
<u>- 90</u>	\$90 Earned Income Disregard
\$ 510	Total Net Nonexempt Income
\$ 594 <u>896</u>	MBSAC for two
	Family passes the MBSAC test (MBSAC is greater
	than Net Nonexempt Income)

See Section 44-207.2 for second step in the financial eligibility test for applicants.

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.112 The MBSAC is the amount of money which is necessary to provide a family with the following: (Continued)

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- .113 The MBSAC for the family applies in determining financial eligibility for applicants, the value of in-kind income for the AU, the amount of income from a sponsor available to a sponsored alien, the period of ineligibility for non-qualifying withdrawals from restricted accounts and transfer of assets. The MBSAC amounts are set forth in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11452.
 - (a) See Section 44-315.311 for the current MBSAC amounts <u>as of July 1</u>, 2012. (The MBSAC figures are subject to a cost-of-living adjustment on

July 1 of every year. These updates to the MBSAC figures are published by CDSS through an annual All County Letter.).

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- .2 The following financial eligibility test shall be applied to both applicant and recipient cases.
 - .21 Section 44-207.21(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-207.21(QR) et seq. shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's Declaration. Section 44-207.21(QR) et seq. shall become inoperative and Section 44-207.21(SAR) et seq. shall become operative in a county on the date SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the County's SAR Declaration.
- (MR) The AU is financially eligible for any month in which on the first of the month the combined actual or estimated net nonexempt income, after the income and needs of the family are considered (pursuant to Sections 44-133 and 44-315.3), is less than the Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) for the AU.
- (QR) The AU is financially eligible as follows:
- (QR) .211 An AU is financially eligible for the QR Payment Quarter if the family's combined reasonably anticipated monthly net non-exempt income for the quarter, after the income and needs of the family are considered (pursuant to Sections 44-133(QR) and 44-315.3(QR)), is less than the MAP for the AU.
- (QR) .212 A recipient AU will remain financially eligible during the QR Payment Quarter if the family's combined monthly net non-exempt income does not exceed the family's MAP level for more than one month of the QR Payment Quarter in accordance with Section 44-316.324(QR).
- (SAR) The AU is financially eligible as follows:
- (SAR) .211 An AU is financially eligible for the SAR Payment Period if the family's combined reasonably anticipated monthly net non-exempt income for the SAR period, after the income and needs of the family are considered (pursuant to Sections 44-133(SAR) and 44-315.3(SAR)), is less than the MAP for the AU.
- (SAR) .212 A recipient AU will remain financially eligible during the SAR Payment
 Period if the family's combined monthly net non-exempt income does not
 exceed the family's MAP level for more than one month of the SAR Payment
 Period in accordance with Section 44-316.324(SAR).

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Example:

Recipient receives aid for herself and her four children. Also living in the home is the recipient's spouse (unaided stepparent). Stepparent earns \$1612 per month from full-time employment. Mother receives \$300 per month in State Disability Insurance benefits. No other income is received by family members. The AU is exempt and resides in Region 2.

Eligibility/Grant Computation:

\$ 300	Disability-Based Unearned Income
<u>- 225</u>	\$225 Income Disregard
\$ 75	Net Nonexempt Disability-Based Unearned Income
\$1612	Gross Family Earned Income
<u>- 806</u>	50% Earned Income Disregard
\$ 806	Net Nonexempt Earnings
<u>+ 75</u>	Disability-Based Unearned Income
\$ 881	Total Net Nonexempt Income
\$ 989 <u>1035</u>	Exempt MAP for Six
<u>- 881</u>	Total Net Nonexempt Income
\$ 108 <u>154</u>	Potential Grant
\$ 880 <u>923</u>	Exempt MAP for AU of Five
\$ 108 154	Potential Grant
\$ 108 154	Aid Payment (Lower of Potential Grant and MAP for AU)

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- .22 Net Nonexempt Income (Continued)
- .23 Section 44-207.23(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-207.23(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration. Section 44-207.23(QR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-207.23(SAR) shall become operative in a county on the date SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the County's SAR Declaration.
- (MR) Financial eligibility shall be determined on the basis of actual net nonexempt income or a reasonable estimate of net nonexempt income expected to be received during the month. Such an estimate must be based on all relevant information available to the county and the recipient. To determine financial eligibility in a retrospectively budgeted month, estimated income shall not include the anticipated receipt of a

regular and periodic extra paycheck. An Assistance Unit which received aid for a month based on a reasonable estimate of net nonexempt income shall not later be considered financially ineligible if actual net nonexempt income exceeds the estimate.

- (QR) Once financial eligibility is established for the QR Payment Quarter, financial eligibility continues for the AU for the entire QR Payment Quarter unless the family's income exceeds the IRT (see Section 44-316.324(QR)) and the family's reasonably anticipated monthly income for the remainder of the QR Payment Quarter exceeds the MAP for the AU.
- Once financial eligibility is established for the SAR Payment Period, financial eligibility continues for the AU for the entire SAR Payment Period unless the family's income exceeds the IRT (see Section 44-316.324(SAR)) and the family's reasonably anticipated, net non-exempt monthly income continues to exceed the MAP for the AU for more than one consecutive month.
 - .24 Section 44-207.24(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-207.24(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration. Section 44-207.24(QR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-207.24(SAR) shall become operative in a county on the date SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the County's SAR Declaration.
- (MR) If aid is discontinued because estimated net nonexempt income is expected to result in financial ineligibility and this amount of income is not actually received, the county shall rescind the discontinuance and issue the correct grant.
- (QR) If aid is discontinued because the monthly reasonably anticipated income is expected to result in financial ineligibility for the QR Payment Quarter and the AU reports that the monthly reasonably anticipated income will no longer exceed the MAP amount for the AU prior to the effective date of the discontinuance, the county shall rescind the discontinuance if the county determines the updated report is a reasonable estimate.
- If aid is discontinued because the monthly reasonably anticipated income is expected to result in financial ineligibility for the SAR Payment Period and the AU reports that the monthly reasonably anticipated income will no longer exceed the MAP amount for the AU prior to the effective date of the discontinuance, the county shall rescind the discontinuance if the county determines the updated report is a reasonable estimate.
 - .25 Adding Persons to the Assistance Unit (Continued)
- .3 Section 44-207.3(MR) et seq. shall become inoperative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration.

- (MR) Treatment of Lump Sum Income
- (MR) This section sets forth the methods used for treating lump sum income.
- (MR) .31 Lump sum income received by any person whose income would be used in computing eligibility and grant shall be regarded as income in the month received and then regarded as property in subsequent months. (See Section 42-211.)

Authority cited: Sections 10553, 10554, 11450, and 11453, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Reference:

Sections 10553, 10554, 11017, 11157, 11255, 11265.1, 11265.2, 11265.3, 11280, 11322.63(b), 11450.5, 11450.12, 11450.13, and 11451.5, Welfare and Institutions Code; 45 CFR 206.10(a)(1)(vii); 45 CFR 233.20(a)(2)(i) and (xiii); (a)(3)(ii)(F), (a)(3)(vi)(B), (a)(3)(xiv), and (a)(3)(xiv)(B); and Darces v. Woods(1984) 35 Cal. 3d 871; Petrin v. Carlson Court Order, Case No. 638381, May 12, 1993; Rutan v. McMahon, Case No. 612542-L (Alameda Superior Court) February 19, 1988; Letter from Department of Health and Human Services (DHSS), December 5, 1990; Johnson v. Carlson Stipulated Judgment; Ortega v. Anderson, Case No. 746632-0 (Alameda Superior Court) July 11, 1995; Federal Terms and Conditions for the California Assistance Payments Demonstration Project as approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services on October 30, 1992; Federal Terms and Conditions for the California Work Pays Demonstration Project as approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services on March 9, 1994; United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Family Assistance, Aid to Families with Dependent Children Action Transmittal No. ACF-AT-95-10 dated September 19, 1995; and Letters from the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, dated February 29, 1996, March 11, 1996, and March 12, 1996.

44-211 SPECIAL NEEDS IN CALWORKS

44-211

.1 General

- .11 Section 44-211.11(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-211.11(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration. Section 44-211.11(QR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-211.11(SAR) shall become operative in a county on the date SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the County's SAR Declaration.
- (MR) A special need is a need not common to a majority of recipients for certain goods or services which are essential for their support. The county is responsible for assisting the applicant or recipient in identifying any special needs which he/she may have. In order to meet this responsibility, the county shall give the applicant or recipient a clear explanation of the types of special need allowances which are available, and of the procedure for securing payment for those needs.
- (QR) A special need is a need not common to a majority of recipients for certain goods or services which are essential for their support. The county is responsible for assisting the applicant or recipient in identifying any special needs which he/she may have. In order to meet this responsibility, the county shall give the applicant or recipient a clear explanation of the types of special need allowances which are available, and of the procedure for securing payment for those needs. See Section 44-316.312(d)(QR).
- A special need is a need not common to a majority of recipients for certain goods or services which are essential for their support. The county is responsible for assisting the applicant or recipient in identifying any special needs which he/she may have. In order to meet this responsibility, the county shall give the applicant or recipient a clear explanation of the types of special need allowances which are available, and of the procedure for securing payment for those needs. See Section 44-316.312(d) (SAR). (Continued)

.2 Recurring Special Needs

Section 44-211.2(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-211.2(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration. Section 44-211.2(QR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-211.2(SAR) shall become operative in a county on the date SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the County's SAR Declaration.

- (MR) A recurring special need is a special need for one of the items set forth below which results in added cost to the family and which is expected to occur during two or more months in a calendar year.
- (MR) The allowance for a recurring special need cannot exceed the actual increase in costs to the family as a result of the special need. Actual costs must be verified monthly on the CA 7 except that if special need allowance guidelines established below are utilized, the county may authorize payment at the rate indicated without verification of actual cost. However, the special need must be resubstantiated at least annually upon redetermination of eligibility and may be required more often considering the type of need and potential for change.
- (MR) The total allowance which is available for each FBU per month for all recurring special needs shall not exceed the amount resulting from multiplying \$10 by the number of persons in the FBU.
- (QR) A recurring special need is a special need for one of the items set forth below which results in added cost to the family and which is expected to occur during two or more months in a calendar year.
- (QR) The allowance for a recurring special need cannot exceed the actual increase in costs to the family as a result of the special need. Actual costs must be verified quarterly on the QR 7 except that if special need allowance guidelines established below are utilized, the county may authorize payment at the rate indicated without verification of actual cost. However, the special need must be resubstantiated at least annually upon redetermination of eligibility and may be required more often considering the type of need and potential for change.
- (QR) The total allowance which is available for each AU per month for all recurring special needs shall not exceed the amount resulting from multiplying \$10 by the number of persons in the AU.
- (SAR) A recurring special need is a special need for one of the items set forth below which results in added cost to the family and which is expected to occur during two or more months in a calendar year.
- (SAR) The allowance for a recurring special need cannot exceed the actual increase in costs to the family as a result of the special need. Actual costs must be verified every six months on the SAR 7 or the SAWS 2 except that if special need allowance guidelines established below are utilized, the county may authorize payment at the rate indicated without verification of actual cost. However, the special need must be resubstantiated at least annually upon redetermination of eligibility and may be required more often considering the type of need and potential for change.

- (SAR) The total allowance which is available for each AU per month for all recurring special needs shall not exceed the amount resulting from multiplying \$10 by the number of persons in the AU.
 - .21 Therapeutic Diets (Continued)
- .5 Homeless Assistance
 - .51 General (Continued)
 - .517 The county shall make restricted payments when the county establishes a finding of mismanagement of AFDC CalWORKs cash assistance. A restricted payment is a vendor or two-party payment to a provider of temporary shelter, permanent housing or utilities for any future homeless assistance payments associated with the incident of homelessness. (Continued)
 - .52 Temporary Shelter (Continued)
 - .521 The temporary shelter payment is also available to homeless applicant AUs who are apparently eligible for AFDC CalWORKs. (Continued)
 - .53 Permanent Housing (Continued)
 - .532 (Continued)
 - (b) Shared housing includes, but is not limited to, the following: (Continued)
 - (2) SSI/SSP recipient(s) residing with AFDC <u>CalWORKs</u> recipient(s); (Continued)

.534 Definitions

- (a) "Income" means income to be counted towards the TMHI which includes gross earned and unearned income, including the CalWORKs computed grant, CalWORKs Special Need payments, or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and State Supplementary Payment (SSP). An AU's Food Stamp CalFresh benefits do not count as income and are not included in the TMHI.
- (b) "Total Monthly Household Income" means income that can be used to determine eligibility for Permanent HA. Counties must count the income of the AU members and of any other persons whose income is currently used in calculating the AU's grant, including but not limited to sanctioned and penalized household members and persons who are excluded by law due to their undocumented non-citizen or drug/fleeing felon status.

- (1) When an AU has asked to add a new person to their AU midquarter period, any income of that person shall be included in the TMHI used to determine eligibility for and amount of Permanent HA, regardless of when the county will be increasing the AU size as a result of adding the new person.
- (2) If the AU has reported that an AU member has left the home midquarter period, and that person's income will no longer be available to help the AU pay rent, that person's income shall not be included as part of the AU's TMHI for Permanent HA. (Continued)

.537 (Continued)

- (b) Information necessary for the CWD to establish eligibility for AFDC CalWORKs. (Continued)
- .6 Pregnancy Special Needs (Continued)
 - .63 Eligible Applicants
 - .631 Section 44-211.631(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-211.631(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration. Section 44-211.631(QR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-211.631(SAR) shall become operative in a county on the date SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the County's SAR Declaration.
 - (MR) A pregnant woman with no eligible children who has applied for CalWORKs, is in her third trimester, and is eligible to receive CalWORKs shall be entitled to receive the pregnancy special need payment from the date of application through the month of birth.
 - (QR) A pregnant woman with no eligible children who has applied for CalWORKs, is in her third trimester, and is eligible to receive CalWORKs shall be entitled to receive the pregnancy special need payment from the date of application through the end of the quarter in which the child is expected to be born once required verification has been provided. If the birth of the child is voluntarily reported mid-quarter, the pregnancy special need payment shall be discontinued at the end of the month prior to the month in which the newborn is added into the AU (see Sections 44-316.312(d)(QR) and 44-318.15(QR)).
 - (SAR) A pregnant woman with no eligible children who has applied for CalWORKs, is in her third trimester, and is eligible to receive CalWORKs shall be entitled to receive the pregnancy special need payment from the date of application through the end of the semi-annual period in which the child is expected to be

born once required verification has been provided. If the birth of the child is voluntarily reported mid-period, the pregnancy special need payment shall be discontinued at the end of the month prior to the month in which the newborn is added into the AU (see Sections 44-316.312(d)(SAR) and 44-318.15(SAR)).

- .632 Section 44-211.632(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-211.632(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration. Section 44-211.632(QR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-211.632(SAR) shall become operative in a county on the date SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the County's SAR Declaration.
- (MR) A pregnant teen with no other eligible children in an AU of one who is under the age of 19, has not obtained a high school diploma or its equivalent and is otherwise eligible to receive CalWORKs, shall receive the pregnancy special need payment from the date of application through the month of birth.
- (QR) A pregnant teen with no other eligible children in an AU of one who is under the age of 19, has not obtained a high school diploma or its equivalent and is otherwise eligible to receive CalWORKs, shall receive the pregnancy special need payment from the date of application through the end of the quarter in which the child is expected to be born once required verification has been provided. If the birth of the child is voluntarily reported mid-quarter, the pregnancy special need payment shall be discontinued at the end of the month prior to the month in which the newborn is added into the AU (see Section 44-316.3142(QR) and 44-318.15 (QR)).
- (SAR) A pregnant teen with no other eligible children in an AU of one who is under the age of 19, has not obtained a high school diploma or its equivalent and is otherwise eligible to receive CalWORKs, shall receive the pregnancy special need payment from the date of application through the end of the semi-annual period in which the child is expected to be born once required verification has been provided. If the birth of the child is voluntarily reported mid-period, the pregnancy special need payment shall be discontinued at the end of the month prior to the month in which the newborn is added into the AU (see Section 44-316.312(d)(SAR) and 44-318.15(SAR)).
 - .633 Section 44-211.633(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-211.633(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration. Section 44-211.633(QR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-211.633(SAR) shall become operative in a county on the date SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the County's SAR Declaration.
- (MR) A pregnant woman who has applied for CalWORKs as part of an assistance unit with other eligible persons or was the caretaker of a person in accordance

with Section 82 820.22 and who is eligible shall be entitled to receive the pregnancy special need payment from the date of application through the month of birth.

- (QR) A pregnant woman who has applied for CalWORKs as part of an AU with other eligible persons or was the caretaker of a person in accordance with Section 82-820.22 and who is eligible shall be entitled to receive the pregnancy special need payment from the date of application through the end of the quarter in which the child is expected to be born once required verification has been provided. If the birth of the child is voluntarily reported mid-quarter, the pregnancy special need payment shall be discontinued at the end of the month prior to the month in which the newborn is added into the AU (see Section 44-316.3142(QR) and 44-318.15(QR)).
- (SAR) A pregnant woman who has applied for CalWORKs as part of an AU with other eligible persons or was the caretaker of a person in accordance with Section 82-820.22 and who is eligible shall be entitled to receive the pregnancy special need payment from the date of application through the end of the semi-annual period in which the child is expected to be born once required verification has been provided. If the birth of the child is voluntarily reported mid-period, the pregnancy special need payment shall be discontinued at the end of the month prior to the month in which the newborn is added into the AU (see Section 44-316.312(d)(SAR) and 44-318.15(SAR)).

.64 Eligible Recipients

- .641 Section 44-211.641(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-211.641(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration. Section 44-211.641(QR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-211.641(SAR) shall become operative in a county on the date SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the County's SAR Declaration.
- (MR) The pregnancy special need payment for a pregnant woman who is receiving CalWORKs in an assistance unit with eligible persons shall be granted from the first of the month in which the county received the medical verification through the month of birth.
- (QR) The pregnancy special need payment for a pregnant woman who is receiving CalWORKs in an AU with eligible persons shall be granted from the month of the request continuing through the end of the quarter in which the child is expected to be born or the end of the month prior to the newborn being added to the AU, pursuant to Section 44-318.15(QR), once required verification has been provided.

- (SAR) The pregnancy special need payment for a pregnant woman who is receiving CalWORKs in an AU with eligible persons shall be granted from the month of the request continuing through the end of the semi-annual period in which the child is expected to be born or the end of the month prior to the newborn being added to the AU, pursuant to Section 44-318.15(SAR), once required verification has been provided.
 - .642 Section 44-211.642(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration.
- (QR) The recipient is only required to verify pregnancy initially (when the pregnancy is reported) and when the pregnancy continues beyond the originally estimated date of birth. (Continued)

Authority cited: Sections 10553, 10554, 10604, 11209, and 11450(f) and (g), Welfare and Institutions Code.

Reference: Sections 11056, 11155.2(a), 11265.1, 11265.2, 11265.3, 11266(a)(2), 11271, 11272, 11273, and 11273(b), 11450(a)(1), (b), (c), and (f), 11450(f)(2)(A)(i), 11450(f)(2)(B), 11450(f)(2)(C), 11450(f)(2)(E)(i), (ii), (iii), (v), and (vi), 11450.5, 11452.018(a), and 11453.2, Welfare and Institutions Code; 45 CFR 206.10(a)(1)(ii), 45 CFR 206.10(a)(8), 45 CFR 233.10(a)(1)(iv), 45 CFR 233.20(a)(2)(v)(A), 45 CFR 234.11, 45 CFR 234.60; and 42 U.S.C.A., Section 606(b).

44-304 AID PAYMENT SCHEDULES (Continued)

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.5 Standard Delivery Dates

.51 Semimonthly Delivery

The county shall deliver ongoing payments as follows when the county has selected semimonthly delivery: (Continued)

.511 First Warrant

Section 44-304.511(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-304.511(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration. Section 44-304.511(QR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-304.511(SAR) shall become operative in a county on the date SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the County's SAR Declaration.

(MR)

The county shall place the first warrant in the mail or forward the first direct deposit electronic fund transfer in time to be available to the recipient by the first day of the payment month unless the county received the completed CW 7 after the tenth day prior to the end of the report month.

(MR)

If the completed CW 7 is received after the tenth day prior to the end of the report month, but on or before the first day of the payment month, the county shall not delay the payment and shall place the warrant in the mail or forward the first direct deposit electronic fund transfer in time to be available to the recipient by the first calendar day of the payment month if possible, but not later than the tenth calendar day of the payment month.

(QR) First Warrant

The county shall place the first warrant in the mail or forward the first direct deposit electronic fund transfer in time to be available to the recipient by the first day of each month of the QR Payment Quarter unless the county received

the completed QR 7 after the tenth day prior to the end of the QR Submit Month.

(QR)

If the completed QR 7 is received after the tenth day prior to the end of the QR Submit Month, but on or before the first day of the next QR Payment Quarter, the county shall not delay the payment and shall place the warrant in the mail or forward the first direct deposit electronic fund transfer in time to be available to the recipient by the first calendar day of the first month of the next QR Payment Quarter if possible, but no later than the tenth calendar day of the first month of the next QR Payment Quarter.

(SAR) First Warrant

The county shall place the first warrant in the mail or forward the first direct deposit electronic fund transfer in time to be available to the recipient by the first day of each month of the SAR Payment Period unless the county received the completed SAR 7 after the tenth day prior to the end of the SAR Submit Month or if the annual redetermination is not completed by the 15th day of the month in which it is due.

(SAR)

If the completed SAR 7 is received after the tenth day prior to the end of the SAR Submit Month, but on or before the first day of the next SAR Payment Period, the county shall not delay the payment and shall place the warrant in the mail or forward the first direct deposit electronic fund transfer in time to be available to the recipient by the first calendar day of the first month of the next SAR Payment Period if possible, but no later than the tenth calendar day of the first month of the next SAR Payment Period.

(SAR)

If the annual redetermination is not completed by the 15th day of the month in which it is due, but on or before the last day of that month, the county shall not delay the payment and shall place the warrant in the mail or forward the first direct deposit electronic fund transfer in time to be available to the recipient by the first calendar day of the first month of the next SAR Payment Period if possible, but no later than the tenth

calendar day of the first month of the next SAR Payment Period.

.512 Second Warrant

Section 44-304.512(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-304.512(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration. Section 44-304.512(QR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-304.512(SAR) shall become operative in a county on the date SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the County's SAR Declaration.

(MR)

The county shall place the second warrant in the mail or forward the direct deposit electronic fund transfer in time to be available to the recipient by the 15th calendar day of the payment month.

(QR)

The county shall place the second warrant in the mail or forward the direct deposit electronic fund transfer in time to be available to the recipient by no later that the 15th calendar day of each month of the QR Payment Quarter.

(SAR)

The county shall place the second warrant in the mail or forward the direct deposit electronic fund transfer in time to be available to the recipient by no later than the 15th calendar day of each month of the SAR Payment Period.

.52 Monthly Delivery

Section 44-304.52(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-304.52(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration. Section 44-304.52(QR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-304.52(SAR) shall become operative in a county on the date SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the County's SAR Declaration.

(MR)

The county shall place the warrant in the mail or forward the direct deposit electronic fund transfer in time to be available to the recipient by

the first calendar day of the payment month unless the completed CW 7 is received after the tenth day prior to the end of the report month.

(MR)

If the completed CW 7 is received after the tenth day prior to the end of the report month, but on or before the first day of the payment month, the county shall not delay the payment and shall place the warrant in the mail or forward the direct deposit electronic fund transfer in time to be received by the first day of the payment month if possible, but not later than the tenth day of the payment month.

(QR)

The county shall place the warrant in the mail or forward the direct deposit electronic fund transfer in time to be available to the recipient by the first calendar day of each month of the QR Payment Quarter unless the completed QR 7 is received after the tenth day prior to the end of the QR Submit Month.

(QR)

If the completed QR 7 is received after the tenth day prior to the end of the QR Submit Month, but on or before the first day of the next QR Payment Quarter, the county shall not delay the payment and shall place the warrant in the mail or forward the direct deposit electronic fund transfer in time to be received by the first day of the first month of the next QR Payment Quarter if possible, but not later than the tenth day of the first month of the next QR Payment Quarter.

(SAR)

The county shall place the warrant in the mail or forward the direct deposit electronic fund transfer in time to be available to the recipient by the first calendar day of each month of the SAR Payment Period unless the completed SAR 7 is received after the tenth day prior to the end of the QR Submit Month or if the annual redetermination is not completed by the 15th day of the month in which it is due.

(SAR)

If the completed SAR 7 is received after the tenth day prior to the end of the SAR Submit Month, but on or before the first day of the next SAR

Payment Period, the county shall not delay the payment and shall place the warrant in the mail or forward the direct deposit electronic fund transfer in time to be received by the first day of the first month of the next SAR Payment Period if possible, but not later than the tenth day of the first month of the next SAR Payment Period.

(SAR)

If the annual redetermination is not completed by the 15th day of the month in which it is due, but on or before the last day of that month, the county shall not delay the payment and shall place the warrant in the mail or forward the first direct deposit electronic fund transfer in time to be available to the recipient by the first calendar day of the first month of the next SAR Payment Period if possible, but no later than the tenth calendar day of the first month of the next SAR Payment Period.

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Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Reference: Sections 10063(a), 10072, 10553, 10554, 11006.2, 11251.3, 11265.1, 11453.2,

11455 and 17012.5, Welfare and Institutions Code; 45 CFR 206.10(a)(6)(D); 45 CFR 233.23; 45 CFR 233.29(a)-(d); 45 CFR 233.31(b)(4); 45 CFR 233.32; and Balderas v. Woods Court Order; Federal Register, Vol. 75, No. 19, dated

January 29, 2010, pages 4928 and 4929 [7 CFR 273.12(a)(1)(vii)].

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- .2 Alternate Payment System (Continued)
 - .23 Aid payments to CalWORKs families residing in counties with approved semimonthly alternate payment systems shall be made in two installments during the payment period as follows:
 - .231 Section 44-305.231(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-305.231(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration. Section 44-305.231(QR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-305.231(SAR) shall become operative in a county on the date SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the County's SAR Declaration.
 - (MR) The county shall issue the first aid payment by mail or forward the direct deposit electronic fund transfer in time to be available to the recipient by the first day of the assigned payment period, unless the county received the completed CW 7 after the tenth day prior to the end of the assigned report period. If the CW 7 is received after the tenth day prior to the end of the assigned report period, but on or before the first day of the assigned payment period, the county shall not delay the payment and shall issue the first aid payment in time to be available to the recipient by the first day of the assigned payment period if possible, but not later than the tenth day of the assigned period.
 - (QR) The county shall issue the first aid payment by mail or forward the direct deposit electronic fund transfer in time to be available to the recipient by the first day of each month of the assigned QR Payment Quarter, unless the county received the completed QR 7 after the tenth day prior to the end of the assigned QR Submit Month. If the QR 7 is received after the tenth day prior to the end of the assigned QR Submit Month, but on or before the first day of the next assigned QR Payment Quarter, the county shall not delay the payment and shall issue the first aid payment in time to be available to the recipient by the first day of the next assigned QR Payment Quarter if possible, but not later than the tenth day of the first month of the next assigned QR Payment Quarter.
 - (SAR) The county shall issue the first aid payment by mail or forward the direct deposit electronic fund transfer in time to be available to the recipient by the first day of each month of the assigned SAR Payment Period, unless the county received the completed SAR 7 after the tenth day prior to the end of the assigned SAR Submit Month or the annual redetermination is not completed by the 15th day of the SAR Submit Month. If the SAR 7 is received after the

tenth day prior to the end of the assigned SAR Submit Month or the annual redetermination is completed after the 15th day of the SAR Submit Month, but before benefits are discontinued, the county shall not delay the payment and shall issue the first aid payment in time to be available to the recipient by the first day of the next assigned SAR Payment Period if possible, but not later than the tenth day of the first month of the next assigned SAR Payment Period.

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Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Reference: Sections 10063(a), 11006.2, 11254, Welfare and Institutions Code; 45 CFR

233.29, 45 CFR 233.31(b)(4) and 45 CFR 233.32; Federal Register, Vol. 75, No. 19, dated January 29, 2010, pages 4928 and 4929 [7 CFR 273.12

(a)(1)(vii)].

44-313 BUDGETING METHODS FOR AFDC-FG/U CalWORKs

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Section 44-313(MR QR), Introductory Paragraphs, shall become inoperative and Section 44-313(QR SAR), Introductory Paragraphs, shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB County's SAR Declaration.

- (MR) Budgeting is the activity used to compute the aid payment for a month for which eligibility exists (known as the payment month) using net nonexempt income, see Chapter 44-100, received in a corresponding month (known as the budget month). The two types of budgeting methods are prospective and retrospective. Under prospective budgeting, the budget month and the payment month are the same month. Under retrospective budgeting, the budget month is the second month prior to the payment month.
- (MR) Budgeting is an activity separate from the determination of eligibility. All eligibility factors, including income eligibility, see Section 44-207, are considered on a prospective basis.
- (MR) This section defines prospective and retrospective budgeting and specifies the appropriate method for various situations.
- (MR) For the appropriate budgeting method to be used when an individual is added to or deleted from an existing assistance unit, see Section 44-313.4.
- (QR) Budgeting is the activity used to compute the aid payments for a QR Payment Quarter for which eligibility exists using net nonexempt income, (see Chapter 44-100) that is reasonably anticipated to be received in the QR Payment Quarter. The budgeting method used is prospective budgeting.
- (QR) Budgeting is an activity separate from the determination of eligibility. All eligibility factors, including income eligibility (see Section 44-207 and 44-316.324(QR)), are considered on a prospective basis.
- (SAR) Budgeting is the activity used to compute the aid payments for a SAR Payment Period for which eligibility exists using net nonexempt income, (see Chapter 44-100) that is reasonably anticipated to be received in the SAR Payment Period. The budgeting method used is prospective budgeting.
- (SAR) Budgeting is an activity separate from the determination of eligibility. All eligibility factors, including income eligibility (see Section 44-207 and 44-316.324(SAR)), are considered on a prospective basis.
- .1 Prospective Budgeting

- .11 Section 44-313.11(MR QR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-313.11(QR SAR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB County's SAR Declaration.
- (MR) Prospective budgeting is the method of computing an aid payment for a month using an estimate of the income reasonably expected to be received in that month. The estimate shall be based on the county's knowledge of past and current income and reasonable expectation of future income.
- (QR) Prospective budgeting is the method of computing an aid payment for a QR Payment Quarter using income that is reasonably anticipated to be received in that quarter (see Section 44-315.31(QR)) except for those mid-quarter changes where actual income is used as specified in Section 44-316.311(QR).
- Prospective budgeting is the method of computing an aid payment for a SAR Payment Period using income that is reasonably anticipated to be received in that period (see Section 44-315.31(SAR)) except for those mid-period changes where actual income is used as specified in Section 44-316.311(SAR).
 - .111 Section 44-313.111(QR) et seq. shall become <u>inoperative and Section 44-313.111</u> (SAR) et seq. shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB County's SAR Declaration.
 - (QR) Income from the QR Data Month, anticipated changes in income from the QR 7 and mid-quarter income changes as specified in Section 44-316 shall be considered when determining eligibility and cash aid for a QR Payment Quarter. Documentation shall be entered in the case that explains how income was projected in determining cash aid calculations. Case narrative entries shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (QR) (a) Income the recipient reports that he/she expects to receive in the QR Payment Quarter.
 - (QR) (b) Whether reasonably anticipated income will be different than income that the recipient reported receiving for the QR Data Month as reported on the QR 7.
 - (QR) (c) Documentation of the reasons for not accepting the recipient's reasonable anticipated income if the information is questionable.
 - (QR) (d) Other information used to determine what income will be used in the cash aid calculations (verifications, employers' statements, case history, etc.) if the recipient's reasonable anticipated income is not used.

- Income from the SAR Data Month, anticipated changes in income from the SAR Data Month, and mid-period income changes as specified in Section 44-316(SAR) shall be considered when determining eligibility and cash aid for a SAR Payment Period. Documentation shall be entered in the case that explains how income was projected in determining cash aid calculations. Case narrative entries shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
- (SAR) (a) Income the recipient reports that he/she received in the SAR Data Month.
- (SAR) (b) Any changes in income from the Data Month that the recipient reasonably anticipates receiving in the SAR Payment Period as reported on the SAR 7 or annual redetermination.
- (SAR) (c) Documentation of the reasons for not accepting the recipient's reasonably anticipated income if the information is questionable.
- (SAR) (d) Other information used to determine what income will be used in the cash aid calculations (verifications, employers' statements, case history, etc.) if the recipient's reasonably anticipated income is not used.
- .12 Prospective budgeting shall be used to compute:
 - .121 Section 44-313.121(MR QR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-313.121(QR SAR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB County's SAR Declaration.
- (MR) The grant for the first and second months that AFDC is granted following a new application or reapplication, see Sections 40-103.41 and .43.
- (MR) Example:
- (MR) If the first month of aid is October, the aid payments for October and November are computed using estimates of income reasonably expected to be received in October and November.
- (QR) The CalWORKs grant for each month in a QR Payment Quarter.
- (SAR) The CalWORKs grant for each month in a SAR Payment Period.
 - .122 Section 44-313.122(MR) shall become inoperative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration.

- (MR) The grant for the first and second payment months of AFDC when aid is restored (see Section 40-103.42) following a break in aid of one calendar month or more.
 - .123 Section 44-313.123(MR) shall become inoperative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration.
- (MR) When aid is restored following a suspension, see Section 44-315.6.
- (MR) Example:
- (MR) If aid is discontinued March 31, and aid is restored to be effective anytime in May, the aid payments for May and June are computed using estimates of income reasonably expected in May and June.
- .2 Section 44-313.2(MR) et seq. shall become inoperative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration.
- (MR) Retrospective Budgeting
- (MR) .21 Retrospective budgeting is the method used to compute the AFDC grant for a month using income received in the second month prior to the payment month. Income information shall be obtained from the Monthly Eligibility Report (CA 7).
- (MR) .22 Retrospective budgeting is the method used to compute:
- (MR) .221 The AFDC grant for the third and subsequent payment months, except that income from the budget month which was considered prospectively for any payment month and is not of a continuous nature shall not be counted, see Section 44-313.3(MR).
- (MR) .222 The AFDC grant for the month following a suspension as required by Section 44-315.6.
- (MR) .223 The AFDC grant for the month in which aid is restored following a break in aid of less than a calendar month provided:
 - (MR) (a) The assistance unit received an aid payment, received a zero grant, or would have received an aid payment except for the restriction on grants of less than \$10, for the immediately preceding two payment months; or
 - (MR) (b) The assistance unit was suspended in either of the two payment months immediately preceding discontinuance and retrospective budgeting was or is required by Section 44-315.6 where aid was or is restored following the suspension.

- (MR) Example:
- (MR) If aid is discontinued effective March 31, and aid is restored to be effective anytime in April, the grant for April is computed using income received in February, the grant for May is computed using income received in March, etc.
- .3 Section 44-313.3(MR) et seq. shall become inoperative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration.
- (MR) Income of a Continuous Nature
- (MR) .31 For the third and fourth payment periods, the income already used to compute the grant for the first and second payment periods which is not of a continuous nature shall not be counted.
- .42 Budgeting the Income of Individuals Added to or Deleted from an Existing Assistance Unit
 - .41 Sections 44-313.41(MR) et seq. shall become inoperative and Section 44-313.41(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration.
 - .21 Section 44-313.21 (QR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-313.21(SAR) shall become operative in a county on the date SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the County's SAR Declaration.
- (MR) The income of an eligible individual added to an existing assistance unit shall be budgeted prospectively for the first two payment months except in the following circumstances:
- (QR) The income of a new person who is added to an existing AU shall be budgeted prospectively in accordance with Section 44-316.312(b)(QR) for each month of the QR Payment Quarter.
- (SAR) The income of a new person who is added to an existing AU shall be budgeted prospectively in accordance with Section 44-316.312(b)(SAR) for each month of the SAR Payment Period.
- (MR) .411 When aid is restored following a break in aid from that assistance unit when the break in aid is less than one calendar month, retrospective budgeting shall continue. See Section 44-313.223(MR).

(MR) .412 When the added individual's income has been considered when determining the assistance unit's eligibility for the two months immediately preceding the beginning date of aid, retrospective budgeting shall be used.

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(MR) EXAMPLE:

(MR) Situation: The assistance unit is in retrospective budgeting. An unaided stepparent has income deemed to the assistance unit in December and January. The stepparent is added to the assistance unit on the first day of February, and remains eligible in subsequent months.

Budgeting: Retrospectively budget the stepparent's income deemed to the assistance unit in December to the February payment month. Retrospectively budget the stepparent's income deemed in January to the March payment month. Retrospectively budget all the stepparent's net nonexempt income received in February to the April payment month.

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(MR) .413 When the added individual's income has been considered when determining the assistance unit's eligibility for only the first month immediately preceding the beginning date of aid, his/her income shall be retrospectively budgeted in the second month of aid.

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(MR) EXAMPLE:

Situation: The assistance unit is in retrospective budgeting. A second parent moves into the home in January and applies for aid. Eligibility conditions are met at the end of January. The second parent is added to the assistance unit effective the first of February, and remains eligible in subsequent months.

Budgeting: Compute the second parent's income considered available to the assistance unit in January according to 44-133.3, and retrospectively budget this amount to the March payment month. Prospectively budget the second parent's net nonexempt income expected to be received in February to the February payment month. In addition, retrospectively budget the second parent's net nonexempt income received in February to the April payment month, if the income is of a continuous nature. (See Section 44-313.3(MR).) Retrospectively budget the second parent's net nonexempt income received in March to the May payment month.

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- .42 Section 44-313.42(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-313.42(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration.
- (MR) The income received during the budget month by an individual deleted from an assistance unit shall not be considered income to the assistance unit for retrospective budgeting in any payment month following his or her discontinuance except in the following circumstance:
- (QR) .22 The income of an individual deleted from an AU shall not be considered income to the AU for budgeting purposes in any month(s) following his or her discontinuance except in the following circumstance:
 - .421 Section 44-313.421(MR) and Handbook Section 44-313.421(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-313.421(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration.
 - (MR) When the person remains in the home following discontinuance and has income which is considered available to the assistance unit under Section 44-133, retrospective budgeting shall continue.

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(MR) EXAMPLE 1:

A child with income moves from the home in July. The child's needs are not considered for eligibility in August. Therefore, his/her June income is not considered when computing the grant paid in August.

(MR) EXAMPLE 2:

Situation: The assistance unit is in retrospective budgeting, and in January and prior months consisted of stepfather, mother and her separate child. Stepfather begins working full time and is removed from the assistance unit as of February 1. The stepfather remains in the home, and his income is deemed to the assistance unit according to 44–133.6 in February and subsequent months.

Budgeting: Retrospectively budget all the net nonexempt income received in November by the three-person assistance unit to the January payment month. Retrospectively budget all the net nonexempt income received in December by the three-person assistance unit to the February payment month. Retrospectively budget all of the net nonexempt income received in January by the three-person assistance unit to the March payment month. Retrospectively budget the net nonexempt income received in February by the two-person

assistance unit, including the income deemed from the stepparent in February, to the April payment month. Note: This budgeting method is used even when the stepparent's income is not actually considered available to the family because the stepparent's needs and other deductions allowed under 44-133.6 are greater than the income.

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- (QR) .221 When the person remains in the home following discontinuance and has income which is considered available to the AU under Section 44-133, prospective budgeting shall continue.
- .53 Budgeting in Approved Alternate Payment Systems
- .51 .31 Apply the requirements of 44-313 to approved alternate payment systems (see Section 44-305.32). Substitute references to "month" with phrase "28- to 31-day period not limited to a calendar month."
- .64 Budgeting for Refugee or Cuban/Haitian Entrant Cases Transferred from Refugee or Cuban/Haitian Entrant Cash Assistance to AFDC-FG AND AFDC-U CalWORKs
 - .61 Section 44-313.61(MR) shall become inoperative and Section 44-313.61(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration.
- (MR) The budget period for the month of transfer from the Refugee Resettlement or Cuban/Haitian Entrant Programs to AFDC FG or AFDC U shall be the second prior calendar month (retrospective budgeting) unless the family did not receive refugee or Cuban/Haitian entrant cash assistance in the second prior calendar month.
- (QR) <u>.41</u> Prospective budgeting shall continue for recipients transferred from the Refugee Resettlement or Cuban/Haitian Entrant Programs to CalWORKs.
 - .62 Section 44-313.62(MR) and Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11265.3 shall become inoperative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB Declaration.
- (MR) If the family did not receive cash assistance in the second prior calendar month, but did in the prior calendar month, the budget period for the month of transfer shall be the concurrent month. The budget period for the following month shall be the corresponding second prior calendar month.

Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Reference: Sections 11265.2, 11265.3, and 11450.5, Welfare and Institutions Code; Federal Register, Vol. 75, No. 19, dated January 29, 2010, pages 4928 and 4929 [7 CFR 273.12(a)(1)(vii)].

44-314 MAXIMUM FAMILY GRANT (MFG)

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.1 Definitions The following definitions pertain only to Section

44-314.

.11 Break-in-Aid Section 44-314.11(MR) shall become inoperative

and Section 44-314.11(QR) et seq. shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in the county, pursuant to the

Director's Declaration.

(MR) For MFG purposes the following conditions will

be considered a month in which the assistance

unit (AU) did not receive cash aid:

(MR) Months in suspense as defined in Section 44

315.8(MR).

(MR) A month in which the AU is eligible for a zero

basic grant (ZBG) as defined in Section 44-

315.9; or

(MR) A month in which the reunification family does

not receive a cash aid payment pursuant to

Section 82-812.683.

(QR) For MFG purposes the following conditions will

be considered a month in which the AU did not

receive cash aid:

(QR) .111 A month in which the AU is eligible for a zero

basic grant (ZBG) as defined in Section 44-

315.98; or

(QR) .112 A month in which the reunification family does

not receive a cash aid payment pursuant to

Section 83-812.683. (Continued)

Authority cited: Sections 10553 and 10554, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Reference: Sections 11203, 11265.2, 11450.04(a), (b)(1), (2) and (3), (d)(1), (2) and (3),

and (e), Welfare and Institutions Code; Sections 261, 262, and 285, Penal Code; Nickols v. Saenz, Case Number 310867, August 25, 2000; and Kehrer v.

Saenz, Case Number 99CS02320, January 22, 2001.

44-315	5 A	AMOUNT OF AID (Continued)	44-315
.3	Amou	unt of Grant	The county shall calculate the amount of grant as follows:
	.31		Section 44-315.31(QR) et seq. shall become inoperative and Section 44-315.31(SAR) et seq. shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB SAR becomes effective in the county, pursuant to the Director's County's SAR Declaration.
(QR)		Reasonably Anticipated Monthly Income	The reasonably anticipated monthly income shall be used to determine cash aid for the QR Payment Quarter.
(SAR)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Reasonably Anticipated Monthly Income	The reasonably anticipated monthly income shall be used to determine cash aid for the SAR Payment Period.
(QR)	.3	311	Income shall be considered to be reasonably anticipated if the county determines that:
	(QR)	(a)	The income has been or will be approved or authorized within the next QR Payment Quarter, or the household is otherwise reasonably certain that the income will be received within the QR Payment Quarter; and
	(QR)	(b)	The amount of the income is known.
(SAR)	<u>.</u>	<u>311</u>	Income shall be considered to be reasonably anticipated if the county determines that:
	(SAR	<u>(a)</u>	The income has been or will be approved or authorized within the next SAR Payment Period, or the household is otherwise reasonably certain that the income will be received within the SAR Payment Period; and
	(SAR	<u>)</u> (b)	The amount of the income is known.

(QR)	.312	If necessary, the county may require the recipient to provide one or more months of the previous quarter's income when the county needs more information to determine what income is reasonably anticipated for the next QR Payment Quarter.
(SAR)	<u>.312</u>	If necessary, the county may require the recipient to provide one or more months of the previous period's income when the county needs more information to determine what income is reasonably anticipated for the next SAR Payment Period.
(QR)	.313	That portion of the AU's income which is uncertain or cannot be reasonably anticipated, in accordance with Section 44-101(c)(1)(QR), will not be counted when determining income eligibility and cash aid.
(SAR)	.313	That portion of the AU's income which is uncertain or cannot be reasonably anticipated, in accordance with Section 44-101(c)(1)(SAR), will not be counted when determining income eligibility and cash aid.
(QR)	.314 Determine if Income Will Be Continued or Be Different	The county shall determine whether the reasonably anticipated monthly income is expected to be different from the income reported for the QR Data Month for one or more months during the next QR Payment Quarter or whether the monthly income reported for the QR Data Month is expected to continue during each month of the next QR Payment Quarter.
(SAR)	.314 Determine if Income Will Continue or Be Different	The county shall determine whether the reasonably anticipated monthly income is expected to be different from the income reported for the SAR Data Month for one or more months during the next SAR Payment Period or whether the monthly income reported for the SAR Data Month is expected to continue during the next SAR Payment Period.
(QR)	.315 Income Expected to Contin	nue

(QR) (a) Weekly/Bi-Weekly Payments Under the following circumstances the county shall add weekly or bi-weekly (every other week) Data Month income amounts reported on the QR 7 and divide that total by the number of pay periods in the Data Month to arrive at an average weekly or bi-weekly income amount to which the conversion factor (see Section 44-315.315(b) (QR)) shall be applied:

(QR) (1)

An AU reports on the QR 7 that it is paid on a weekly or bi-weekly basis and indicates that it does not anticipate any changes in income in the upcoming quarter compared to the Data Month income actually reported on the QR 7, and the county is in agreement with the AU's report of no change in income; or

(QR) (2)

An AU reports on the QR 7 that it is paid on a weekly or bi-weekly basis and indicates that it anticipates changes in income in the upcoming quarter, but the county determines in its follow-up review that the AU's reasonably anticipated income in the next QR Payment Quarter will not change from what was reported in the Data Month on the QR 7; or

(QR) (3)

An AU reports on the QR 7 that it is paid on a weekly or bi-weekly basis and indicates that it anticipates changes in income in the upcoming quarter and the new amount is known and that the amount will remain the same for the entire QR Payment Quarter and the county is in agreement with the AU's report of the change in income.

(SAR) (a) Weekly/Bi-Weekly Payments Under the following circumstances the county shall add weekly or bi-weekly (every other week)

Data Month income amounts reported on the SAR 7 or the SAWS 2 and divide that total by the number of pay periods in the Data Month to arrive at an average weekly or bi-weekly income amount to which the conversion factor (see Section 44-315.315(b)(SAR)) shall be applied:

(SAR) (1)

An AU reports on the SAR 7 or SAWS 2 that it is paid on a weekly or bi-weekly basis and

indicates that it does not anticipate any changes in income in the upcoming SAR Payment Period compared to the Data Month income actually reported on the SAR 7 or SAWS 2, and the county is in agreement with the AU's report of no change in income; or

(SAR) (2)

An AU reports on the SAR 7 or SAWS 2 that it is paid on a weekly or bi-weekly basis and indicates that it anticipates changes in income in the upcoming SAR Payment Period, but the county determines in its follow-up review that the AU's reasonably anticipated income in the next SAR Payment Period will not change from what was reported in the Data Month on the SAR 7 or SAWS 2; or

(SAR) (3)

An AU reports on the SAR 7 or SAWS 2 that it is paid on a weekly or bi-weekly basis and indicates that it anticipates changes in income in the upcoming SAR Payment Period and the new amount is known and the frequency of pay is anticipated to remain the same for the SAR Payment Period and the county is in agreement with the AU's report of the change in income.

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(QR) Example 1:

The recipient reports on the QR 7 that four weekly paychecks were received in the following \$115, \$100, \$135, and \$95. recipient also indicated on the OR 7 that his/her income is not expected to change during the next QR Payment Quarter compared to the income reported on the QR 7. The county will add the four weeks of income together, divide by four and then factor the resultant amount by 4.33 (use the appropriate conversion factor for the payment frequency) to arrive at the monthly income amount for the next QR Payment Quarter. If five pay periods were reported in the Data Month on the QR 7, the county will add each week together and divide by five and then factor the resultant amount by 4.33.

(SAR) Example 1:

The recipient reports on the SAR 7 that four weekly paychecks were received in the following amounts: \$115, \$100, \$135, and \$95. recipient also indicated on the SAR 7 that his/her income is not expected to change during the next SAR Payment Period compared to the income reported on the SAR 7. The county will add the four weeks of income together (\$115+100+135+ 95=\$445), divide by four (\$445/4=\$111.25) and then factor the resultant amount by 4.33 (\$111.25 x 4.33=\$481.71) (use the appropriate conversion factor for the payment frequency) to arrive at the monthly income amount for the next SAR Payment Period. If five pay periods were reported in the Data Month on the SAR 7, the county will add each week together and divide by five and then factor the resultant amount by 4.33.

(QR) Example 2:

The QR Payment Quarter is January/ February/March. The recipient indicated on the QR 7 that weekly income of \$100 was received in the Data Month and marks on the OR 7 that this income amount will not continue during the upcoming QR Payment Quarter. The county consults with the recipient and finds out that the recipient anticipated a change in income because he/she hopes to get a new job in the next quarter but has no firm offer. The recipient states that if he/she does not get a new job, he/she will continue at the current job throughout the next quarter making the same amount. Due to the speculative nature of the new job and the recipient's statement regarding the current job, the county determines that the income reported in the Data Month on the QR 7 is reasonably anticipated to continue during the next quarter. Therefore. the county would apply conversion factor of 4.33 to the \$100 weekly amount to arrive at the monthly income amount for the next QR Payment Quarter. example, because the \$100 weekly amount remains the same for each pay period, the step requiring that the weekly amounts be added together and divided by the number of pay periods is not necessary.)

(SAR) Example 2:

A recipient indicates on the SAR 7 that weekly income of \$100 was received in the Data Month and explains on the SAR 7 that this income amount will not continue during the upcoming SAR Payment Period because the recipient hopes to get a new job soon but has no firm offer. Due to the speculative nature of the new job, the county determines that the income reported in the Data Month on the SAR 7 is reasonably anticipated to continue during the next SAR Payment Period. Therefore, the county would apply the conversion factor of 4.33 to the \$100 weekly amount to arrive at the monthly income amount of \$433 for the next SAR Payment Period. (In this example, because the \$100 weekly amount remains the same for each pay period, the step requiring that the weekly amounts be added together and divided by the number of pay periods is not necessary.)

(QR) Example 3:

The QR Payment Quarter is January/February/ March. The recipient indicated on the OR 7 that bi-weekly income of \$200 was received in the Data Month and marks on the OR 7 that this income amount will increase to a bi-weekly income of \$250 and will remain the same for the entire next QR Payment Quarter. The county agrees with the recipient's QR 7 information and applies the 2.167 conversion factor to the \$250 bi-weekly amount to arrive at the monthly income amount for the next QR Payment (In this example, because the \$250 weekly amount remains the same for each pay period, the step requiring that the bi-weekly amounts be added together and divided by the number of pay periods is not necessary.)

(SAR) Example 3:

The SAR Payment Period is January through June. A recipient indicates on the May SAR 7 that bi-weekly income of \$200 was received in the Data Month and explains on the SAR 7 that this income amount will increase to a bi-weekly amount of \$250 beginning in the Submit Month of June and will continue at that amount. The county agrees with the recipient's SAR 7 information and applies the 2.167 conversion

factor to the \$250 bi-weekly amount to arrive at the monthly income amount of \$541.75 for the next SAR Payment Period. (In this example, because the \$250 bi-weekly amount remains the same for each pay period, the step requiring that the bi-weekly amounts be added together and divided by the number of pay periods is not necessary.)

(SAR) Example 4:

The SAR Payment Period is January through June. A recipient indicates on the June SAWS 2 that their current weekly income of \$150 will only continue through August, when their summer job will end. The county agrees with the recipient's SAWS 2 information and applies the 4.33 conversion factor to the \$150 weekly amount to arrive at the monthly income amount of \$649.50 for the months of July and August. No income will be used for the months of September through December.

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(QR) (b)

The average weekly and bi-weekly amounts arrived at above shall be converted to a monthly amount by using a 4.33 conversion factor for weekly payments and a 2.167 conversion factor for payments received bi-weekly.

(QR) (c)

The conversion factors can only be used if reasonably anticipated weekly and bi-weekly payments are reasonably anticipated to be paid throughout the entire QR Payment Quarter for each week or for every other week in the QR Payment Quarter. For reasonably anticipated income that is not paid weekly or bi-weekly for one or more months of the QR Payment Quarter, the total monthly reasonably anticipated income amounts shall be added together and averaged over the months of the QR Payment Quarter, by adding each month total income and dividing by the number of months in the QR payment quarter.

(SAR) (c)

The conversion factors can only be used if weekly or bi-weekly payments are reasonably

anticipated to continue throughout the SAR Payment Period.

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(QR) Example:

The recipient reports on the QR 7 that she is paid on a weekly basis except she only works three weeks in a month and indicates that this frequency of pay will remain the same throughout the next QR Payment Quarter and will remain unchanged throughout the next QR Payment Quarter. She is typically paid \$115, \$100, and \$135. The county will add the three weeks of income together to arrive at a reasonably anticipated monthly income for the next QR Payment Quarter. Since income is not paid every week of the QR Payment Quarter, the conversion factor cannot be applied.

(SAR) Example:

The recipient reports on the SAR 7 that she is paid on a weekly basis except she only works three weeks in a month and indicates that this frequency of pay will remain the same throughout the next SAR Payment Period and will remain unchanged throughout the next SAR Payment Period. She is typically paid \$115, \$100, and \$135. The county will add the three weeks of income together (\$115+100+135=\$350) to arrive at a reasonably anticipated monthly income for the next SAR Payment Period. Since income is not paid every week of the SAR Payment Period, the conversion factor cannot be applied.

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(QR) (d) Monthly/Semi-Monthly Payments For income that is received monthly or semimonthly (two times a month) and is expected to continue, the county shall use the total monthly income amount reported on the QR 7 for the QR Data Month to calculate cash aid for the next QR Payment Quarter. The conversion factors shall not be used for income that is received monthly or semi-monthly.

(SAR) (d) Monthly/Semi-Monthly Payments For income that is received monthly or semimonthly (two times a month) and is expected to continue, the county shall use the total monthly income amount reported on the SAR 7 or the SAWS 2 for the SAR Data Month to calculate cash aid for the next SAR Payment Period. The conversion factors shall not be used for income that is received monthly or semi-monthly.

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(QR) Example:

The recipient reports on the QR 7 that monthly income of \$500 received in the QR Data Month will continue for the QR Payment Quarter. The county shall use the \$500 monthly income total to calculate cash aid.

(SAR) Example:

The recipient reports on the SAWS 2 that monthly income of \$500 received in the SAR Data Month will continue for the SAR Payment Period. The county shall use the \$500 monthly income total to calculate cash aid.

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(QR) .316 Income Expected to Be Different

For income that is reasonably anticipated to be different for one or more months of the QR Payment Quarter, the monthly income amounts shall be averaged over the months of the QR Payment Quarter by adding each month's total income and dividing that total by the number of months in the QR Payment Quarter.

(QR)

If this income is paid on a weekly or bi-weekly basis, the county shall determine the number of pay periods and their amounts reasonably anticipated to be received during each month of the QR Payment Quarter to compute the reasonably anticipated income total for each month.

(SAR) .316 Income Expected to Change

For income that is reasonably anticipated to change during the SAR Payment Period, the current monthly income amount shall be used to calculate the grant for the months in which it is reasonably anticipated to be received. When a

change in income is reported, the new amount of income shall be used to calculate the grant for the months of the SAR Payment Period in which it is reasonably anticipated to be received.

(SAR)

If this income is paid on a weekly or bi-weekly basis, the county shall convert the income into a monthly amount as described in Section 44-315.315(a)(SAR) to compute the reasonably anticipated income to use for each month of the SAR Payment Period.

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(QR) Example:

A recipient is in a January/February/March quarter. The recipient indicated on the QR 7 that weekly income of \$100 per week was received in the QR Data Month and that this income will not continue during the April/May/June quarter. The county consults with the recipient and determines that the \$100 per week pay will only be received until the second week of May. The recipient will begin a new job on June 1 and anticipates receiving a monthly income of \$500. There are five pay periods in April, and four pay periods in May.

Once the monthly income amounts for each month of the QR Payment Quarter have been determined, add the reasonably anticipated income for each month of the quarter and divide by the number of months in the QR Payment Quarter to arrive at a reasonably anticipated monthly income. The county shall use the reasonably anticipated monthly income to calculate cash aid for the QR Payment Quarter.

The county will compute income for the new quarter as follows:

April	\$500
May	\$200
June	\$500
Total Quarter income	\$1200

The reasonably anticipated monthly income is \$400 (\$1200 divided by the number of months in the QR Payment Quarter).

The reasonably anticipated income for each month of the QR Payment Quarter \$400.

(SAR) Example:

A recipient is in a January through June SAR Payment Period. The recipient indicates on the June SAR 7 that weekly income of \$100 per week was received in the SAR Data Month and that this income will increase to \$150 per week beginning in August.

The \$100 weekly income will be converted to a monthly amount ($$100 \times 4.33 = 433) and used to determine the benefit amount for the month of July.

The \$150 weekly income will be converted to a monthly amount (\$150 x 4.33 = \$649*) and used to determine the benefit amount for the remaining months of the SAR Payment Period (August through December).

*50% Earned Income Disregard and Net nonexempt income must be rounded down to the nearest dollar amount per MPP Section 44-315.34.

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(QR) .317 Determination of Aid Based When a recipient mid-quarter report or a county on Mid-Quarter Changes initiated action changes the amount of cash aid

initiated action changes the amount of cash aid, except as provided in Section 44-316.312(a)(3) (QR), the county shall determine the grant amount by adding the monthly income for the remaining months of the QR Payment Quarter then dividing by the number of months remaining in the QR Payment Quarter. The county shall use the reasonably anticipated monthly income to calculate cash aid for the remainder of the QR Payment Quarter.

(SAR) on Mid-Period Changes

.317 Determination of Aid Based When a recipient mid-period report or a county initiated action changes the amount of cash aid, except as provided in Section 44-316.312(a)(3) (SAR), the county shall determine the grant amount by determining the monthly income that is reasonably anticipated for each remaining month of the SAR Payment Period. The county shall use the reasonably anticipated monthly income to calculate cash aid for the remaining months of the SAR Payment Period.

.32 "Family" MAP

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.321 MBSAC and MAP Levels***

(a) **REGION 1 MBSAC/MAP STANDARDS**

		EXEMP	<u>T*</u>	NONEXE	MPT*
# in AU	MBSAC	<u>MAP</u>	80%	<u>MAP</u>	80%
1	423	373	298	336	269
2	693	613	490	548	438
3	859	758	606	679	543
4	1022	901	721	809	647
5	1165	1027	822	920	736
6	1310	1153	922	1033	826
7	1439	1267	1014	1136	909
8	1567	1382	1106	1237	990
9	1699	1492	1194	1336	1069
10 or more**	1844	1603	1282	1435	1148
# in AU	MBSAC	EXEMPT MAP*	NONE MAP*	EXEMPT	
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 or more**	\$576 \$943 \$1,169 \$1,387 \$1,584 \$1,781 \$1,957 \$2,131 \$2,311 \$2,509	\$351 \$577 \$714 \$849 \$966 \$1,086 \$1,192 \$1,301 \$1,405 \$1,510	\$317 \$516 \$638 \$762 \$866 \$972 \$1,069 \$1,164 \$1,258 \$1,351		

REGION 2 MBSAC/MAP STANDARDS

		EXEMP	<u> F*</u>	NONEXE	MPT*
# in AU	<u>MBSAC</u>	<u>MAP</u>	<u>80%</u>	<u>MAP</u>	80%
4	402	355	284	319	255
2	659	584	467	521	417
3	817	723	578	647	518
4	972	859	687	770	616
5	1108	980	784	876	701
6	1245	1100	880	984	787
7	1367	1209	967	1079	863
8	1490	1316	1053	1177	942
9	1615	1424	1139	1272	1018
10 or more*	1754	1528	1222	1366	1093
# in AU	MBSAC	EXEMPT MAP*	NONE MAP*	<u>XEMPT</u>	
1	\$546	\$334	\$300		
<u>2</u>	\$896	\$550	\$490		
3	\$1,110	\$681	\$608		
<u>4</u>	<u>\$1,320</u>	<u>\$809</u>	<u>\$725</u>		
<u>5</u>	<u>\$1,507</u>	<u>\$923</u>	<u>\$825</u>		
<u>6</u>	<u>\$1,694</u>	\$1,035	<u>\$926</u>		
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	<u>\$1,858</u>	\$1,137	\$1,016		
<u>8</u>	\$2,028	\$1,239	\$1,109		
<u>9</u>	<u>\$2,191</u>	\$1,340	\$1,198		
10 or more**	<u>\$2,386</u>	\$1,439	\$1,286		

^{*} See MPP Section 89-110.2 for definition of Exempt and Nonexempt AUs.

^{**} For MBSAC add fourteen <u>twenty two</u> dollars (\$14 <u>22</u>) for each additional needy person.

^{***} MBSAC Levels effective 10/01/01 07/01/12, MAP Levels effective 10/01/01 07/01/11, MBSAC levels are subject to annual Cost of Living Adjustments. MAP levels are subject to change. (See Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 11450, 11452, and 11453.)

REGION 1 COUNTIES

REGION 2 COUNTIES

Alameda	Orange	Santa Clara	Alpine	Lake B	San ernardino
Contra Costa	San Diego	Santa Cruz	Amador	Lassen	San Joaquin
Los Angeles	San Francisco	Solano	Butte	Madera	Shasta
Marin	San Luis Obispo	Sonoma	Calaveras	Mariposa	Sierra
Monterey	San Mateo	Ventura	Colusa	Mendocino	Siskiyou
Napa	Santa Barbara		Del Norte	Merced	Stanislaus
			El Dorado	Modoc	Sutter
			Fresno	Mono	Tehama
			Glenn	Nevada	Trinity
			Humboldt	Placer	Tulare
			Imperial	Plumas	Tuolumne
			Inyo	Riverside	Yolo
			Kern	Sacramento	Yuba
			Kings	San Benito	

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.33 Add Special (Continued)
Need Payment

.38 Actual Grant Amount (Continued)

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.39 Computation Examples Handbook Section 44-315.39(MR QR) shall become inoperative and Handbook Section 44-

315.39(QR SAR) shall become operative in a county on the date QR/PB SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's QR/PB County's SAR Declaration.

(MR) Example 1:

A nonexempt family of four (a pregnant mom, stepfather (father of the unborn) and her two separate children). The stepfather has gross earned income of \$775 per month, with no other income. The family lives in Region 1.

\$ 775	Earned Income for the family
<u>-225</u>	\$225 Income Disregard
\$ 550	Subtotal
- 275	50% Earned Income Disregard
\$ 275	Total Net Nonexempt Income
\$ 728	"Family" MAP for four (mom, stepfather and two children) Region 1
<u>+ 47</u>	Special Needs AU (third trimester of pregnancy)
\$ 775	Total (MAP plus Special Needs)
-275	Net Nonexempt Income
\$ 500	Potential Grant
\$ 611	Nonexempt AU MAP for three (Region 1)
<u>+ 47</u>	Special Needs for AU
\$ 658	Total MAP plus Special Needs
\$500	Actual Grant Amount (lesser of potential grant or AU MAP plus special needs)

(QR) Computation of Monthly Grant Amount for the QR Payment Quarter when the AU's Income Reported for the QR Data Month is Expected to Continue for Each Month of the QR Payment Quarter

Example 1:

A nonexempt family of four (a pregnant mom, stepfather (father of the unborn) and her two separate children) are in a July, August, and September Quarter. The stepfather has gross earned income of \$775 per month, with no other income and no reasonably anticipated changes in income for the QR Payment Quarter. The family lives in Region 1.

\$ 775	Reasonably Anticipated Monthly Earned Income for the Family
<u>- 112</u>	\$112 Income Disregard
\$ 663	Subtotal
- 331	50% Earned Income Disregard*

Total Net Nonexempt Income*
"Family" MAP for Four (mother, stepfather and two children) Region 1
Special Needs AU (third trimester of pregnancy)
Total (MAP plus special needs)
Net Nonexempt Income
Potential Grant
Nonexempt AU MAP for Three (Region 1)
Special Needs for AU
Total MAP plus Special Needs
Actual Grant Amount (lesser of potential grant or AU MAP plus special needs)

* 50% Earned Income Disregard and Net Nonexempt Income must be rounded down to the nearest dollar amount: MPP Section 44-315.34

(SAR) Computation of monthly grant amount for the SAR Payment Period when the AU's income reported for the SAR Data Month is expected to continue for the upcoming SAR Payment Period.

Example 1:

A nonexempt family of four (a pregnant mom, stepfather (father of the unborn) and her two separate children) are in a July through December SAR Payment Period. The stepfather reports receiving gross earned income of \$775 in the Data Month of November. The AU has no other income and does not reasonably anticipate any changes in income for the upcoming SAR Payment Period. The family lives in Region 1.

\$ 775	Reasonably Anticipated Monthly Earned Income for the Family
- 112	\$112 Income Disregard
\$ 663	Subtotal
- 331	50% Earned Income Disregard*
\$ 331	Total Net Nonexempt Income*
	*
\$ 762	"Family" MAP for Four (mother, stepfather and two children) Region 1
<u>+ 47</u>	Special Needs AU (third trimester of pregnancy)
\$ 809	Total (MAP plus special needs)
<u>- 331</u>	Net Nonexempt Income
<u>\$ 478</u>	Potential Grant
<u>\$ 638</u>	Nonexempt AU MAP for Three (Region 1)
<u>+ 47</u>	Special Needs for AU
\$ 685	Total MAP plus Special Needs

\$ 478 Actual Grant Amount (lesser of potential grant or AU MAP plus special needs)

* 50% Earned Income Disregard and Net Nonexempt Income must be rounded down to the nearest dollar amount: MPP Section 44-315.34

(MR) Example 2:

A nonexempt AU of three (an adult and two children) has gross earned income of \$800 per month and the children received \$300 in Social Security Disability Insurance benefits from the absent parent's disability claim. The family lives in Region 1.

\$ 300 225 \$ 75	Disability-based Uncarned Income (SSDI) \$225 Income Disregard Nonexempt Disability Based Income
\$ 800	Earned Income
-400	50% Income Disregard
\$ 400	Nonexempt Earned Income
+ 75	Nonexempt Disability Based Income
\$ 475	Total Net Nonexempt Income
\$ 611	Nonexempt MAP for three (Region 1)
475	Total Net Nonexempt Income
\$ 136	Grant Amount

(QR) Computation of Monthly Grant Amount for the QR Payment Quarter when the AU's Income Reported for the QR Data Month is Expected to Differ for One or More Months of the QR Payment Quarter.

Example 2:

A Region 1 nonexempt AU of four is in the October/November/December quarter. Mother submits the QR 7 for November to the county on December 10. On the QR 7, she reports that she started a part-time job in December that will only last until the end of January, when the holiday shopping season has ended. She reports that she will get paid \$900 in January and \$800 in February. One child is also receiving SSA disability benefits of \$100 per month based on an absent father's disability. SSA disability benefits are considered disability based unearned income (DBI).

Benefits for the January/February/ March quarter are computed based on the income the AU reasonably anticipates it will receive during that quarter as follows:

\$ 100 Monthly DBI

\$ 900	Reasonably Anticipated Earned Income for January
+ 800	Reasonably Anticipated Earned Income for February
+ 0	Reasonably Anticipated Earned Income for March
\$1700	Subtotal Reasonably Anticipated Earned Income for Quarter
\$ 566	Reasonably Anticipated Earned Income Divided by the Number of Months in the QR Payment Quarter 1700/3 = (averaged monthly earnings)*
\$ 100	Reasonably Anticipated Monthly DBI Income
<u>- 225</u>	Less DBI Disregard
0	Net DBI Income
\$ 125	
\$ 123	Remainder of \$225 DBI Disregard
\$ 566	Reasonably Anticipated Monthly Earned Income*
- 112	Less remainder of \$225/112 Income Disregard
\$ 454	Subtotal*
<u>- 227</u>	Less 50% Earned Income Disregard*
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\$ 762	MAP for AU of Four
- 227	Less NNI
\$ 535	New Monthly Grant for the QR Payment Quarter
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(SAR) Computation of monthly grant amount for a SAR Payment Period when the AU's income reported for the SAR Data Month is reasonably anticipated to differ for one or more months of the SAR Payment Period.

Example 2:

A Region 1 nonexempt AU of four is in the July through December SAR Payment Period. Mother completes her redetermination on December 15. On the SAWS 2, she reports that she started a part-time job in December that will only last until the end of January, when the holiday shopping season has ended. She reports that she will get paid \$900 in January and \$450 in February. One child is also receiving SSA disability benefits of \$100 per month based on an absent father's disability. SSA disability benefits are considered disability based unearned income (DBI).

Benefits for the January through July SAR Payment Period are computed based on the income the AU reasonably anticipates it will receive during that period as follows:

^{* 50%} Earned Income Disregard and Net Nonexempt Income must be rounded down to the nearest dollar amount: MPP Section 44-315.34

Benefits for January will be computed based on earned income of \$900 and DBI of \$100 per month:

\$ 100 - 225 0 \$ 125	Reasonably Anticipated Monthly DBI Income Less DBI Disregard Net DBI Income Remainder of \$225 DBI Disregard
\$ 900 - 112 \$ 788 - 394 \$ 394	Reasonably Anticipated Monthly Earned Income Less remainder of \$225/112 Income Disregard Subtotal Less 50% Earned Income Disregard NNI
\$ 762 - 394 \$ 368	MAP for AU of Four Less NNI Monthly Grant for January
Benefits for \$100 per r	or February will be computed based on earned income of \$450 and DBI of month:
\$ 100 - 225 0 \$ 125	Reasonably Anticipated Monthly DBI Income Less DBI Disregard Net DBI Income Remainder of \$225 DBI Disregard
\$ 450 - 112 \$ 338 - 169 \$ 169	Reasonably Anticipated Monthly Earned Income Less remainder of \$225/112 Income Disregard Subtotal Less 50% Earned Income Disregard NNI
\$ 762 - 169 \$ 593	MAP for AU of Four Less NNI Monthly Grant for February
	or March through June will be computed based on earned income of \$0 and 00 per month:
\$ 100 - 225 0 \$ 0 \$ 0	Reasonably Anticipated Monthly DBI Income Less DBI Disregard Net DBI Income Reasonably Anticipated Monthly Earned Income NNI
\$ 762	MAP for AU of Four

- 0 Less NNI

\$ 762 Monthly Grant for March through June

(MR) Example 3:

A nonexempt AU of four (mother, father, and their two children) has gross earned income of \$775 per month. The father has \$150 in Social Security Disability benefits per month and \$300 in veteran's benefits. The family lives in Region 1.

\$ 150	Disability-Based Unearned Income
- 225	\$225 Income Disregard
\$ 75	Remainder of \$225 Income Disregard (\$225 \$150)
\$ 775	Earned Income
- 75	Remainder of \$225 Income Disregard (\$225 - \$150)
\$ 700	Subtotal
-350	50% Earned Income Disregard
=350	Nonexempt Earned Income
+-0	Nonexempt Unearned Disability Based Income
<u>+300</u>	Nonexempt Unearned Income (Veteran's Benefits)
\$ 650	Total Net Nonexempt Income
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\$ 728	Nonexempt MAP for four (Region 1)
-650	Net Nonexempt Income
\$ 78	Grant Amount

(QR) Mid-Quarter Changes to Cash Aid

Example 3:

A Region 1 nonexempt AU of three (mother and two children) is in the October, November, and December quarter. On her previous QR 7 received in September, (QR Data Month for the previous quarter was August), mother reported her earned income to be \$600 and that she expected no changes for the next QR Payment Quarter.

\$ 600	Reasonably Anticipated Monthly Income for the Family
<u>- 112</u>	\$112 Earned Income Disregard
\$ 488	Subtotal
<u>- 244</u>	50% Earned Income Disregard
\$ 244	Total Net Nonexempt Income [Rounded down]
\$ 638	Non-exempt MAP for Three, Region 1
<u>- 244</u>	Less Net Nonexempt Income
\$ 394	AU Monthly Grant for the QR Payment Quarter

On October 25, the mother voluntarily reports that the father, with no income, moved into the home on October 24. The father is determined eligible and is reasonably anticipated to have monthly income of \$200 for November and \$100 for December.

The Mid-Quarter Grant Calculation for the Remaining Months of the Quarter Would Be:

\$ 200 + 100 \$ 300	Father's Reasonably Anticipated Earned Income for November Father's Reasonably Anticipated Earned Income for December Subtotal Reasonably Anticipated Earned Income for the Remainder of the Payment Quarter
\$ 150	Father's Earned Income Divided by the Remaining Months of the QR Payment Quarter $$300/2 = 150 (reasonably anticipated monthly income)
\$ 600	Existing AU's Previously Determined Reasonably Anticipated Monthly Earned Income (not recalculated)
<u>+ 150</u>	Father's Reasonably Anticipated Earned Monthly Income
\$ 750	Total Net Nonexempt Income for the Potential AU
<u>- 112</u>	\$112 Earned Income Disregard
\$ 638	Subtotal
<u>- 319</u>	50% Earned Income Disregard
\$ 319	Total Net Nonexempt Averaged Income
\$ 762	Non-exempt MAP for Four, Region 1(includes eligible father)
<u>- 319</u>	Less Net Nonexempt Income
\$ 443	AU Monthly Grant Payment for the Remaining Months of the QR Payment Quarter

Father is added to the existing AU effective November 1 since his addition to the AU will increase the cash aid. A supplement of \$49 is issued to the AU for November and the grant is increased to \$443 for the month of December.

(SAR) Mid-Period Changes to Cash Aid

Example 3:

A Region 1 nonexempt AU of three (mother and two children) is in the October through March SAR Payment Period. On her previous SAWS 2 received in September, (SAR Data Month for the previous SAR Payment Period was August), mother reported her earned income to be \$600 and that she expected no changes for the next SAR Payment Period. The grant amount for the SAR Payment Period was calculated as follows:

<u>\$ 600</u>	Reasonably Anticipated Monthly Income for the Family
<u>- 112</u>	\$112 Earned Income Disregard
<u>\$ 488</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
<u>- 244</u>	50% Earned Income Disregard
<u>\$ 244</u>	Total Net Nonexempt Income [Rounded down]
\$ 638	Non-exempt MAP for Three, Region 1
<u>- 244</u>	Less Net Nonexempt Income
\$ 394	AU Monthly Grant for the SAR Payment Period

On November 25, the mother voluntarily reports that the father moved into the home on November 12. The father is determined eligible and is reasonably anticipated to have monthly income of \$200 a month.

The Mid-Period Grant Calculation for the Remaining Months of the SAR Payment Period Would Be:

<u>\$ 600</u>	Existing AU's Previously Determined Reasonably Anticipated Monthly
	Earned Income
<u>+ 200</u>	Father's Reasonably Anticipated Earned Monthly Income
<u>\$ 800</u>	Total Net Nonexempt Income for the Potential AU
<u>- 112</u>	\$112 Earned Income Disregard
<u>\$ 688</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
<u>- 344</u>	50% Earned Income Disregard
<u>\$ 344</u>	Total Net Nonexempt Monthly Income
<u>\$ 762</u>	Non-exempt MAP for Four, Region 1 (includes eligible father)
<u>- 344</u>	Less Net Nonexempt Income
<u>\$ 418</u>	AU Monthly Grant Payment for the Remaining Months of the SAR
	Payment Period

Father is added to the existing AU effective December 1 since his addition to the AU will increase the cash aid. Because there is not time to increase the December grant, a supplement of \$24 is issued to the AU for December and the grant is increased to \$418 for the remaining months of the SAR Payment Period.

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- .4 Special Needs (Continued)
- .7 Proration of AFDC-FG/U CalWORKs Grant (Continued)

.72 When the beginning date of aid is after the first of the month (see Section 44-317) or when the last day of aid is before the last day of the month as in State-only AFDC-U Program (see Section

41 609), the total grant shall be prorated. The prorated grant shall be computed as follows: (Continued)

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Section 44-315.8(MR) et seq. shall become inoperative in a county on the date QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's Declaration.

(MR) Suspension

(MR) .81

The county shall suspend, not discontinue, aid in the payment month when income or other circumstances in the corresponding budget month appear to result in ineligibility for only one payment month. The recipient need not reapply for aid for the month following the suspension, however, the recipient is required to complete a monthly report for the month of suspension. If it appears that the income or other circumstances from the budget month will result in ineligibility for more than one payment month, aid is discontinued.

(MR) .82

Aid payments for the month following a suspension shall be computed using prior month budgeting if the family's circumstances have not changed significantly from the corresponding budget period.

(MR) .83

Aid payments for the two months following a suspension shall be computed using concurrent budgeting if the family's circumstances have changed significantly from the corresponding budget period, e.g., loss of a job (see Section 44-313.123(MR)).

.98 Zero Basic Grant

.981 An AU is considered to have received a cash aid payment even when:

.9811 The payment is not sent due to penalty which reduced the payment to zero, or

.9812 The grant amount is \$10 or less. See Section 44-315.5 regarding grants \$10 or less, or

.9813 The grant for the AU is reduced to zero to adjust for a prior overpayment, or

.9814 The grant based on On-The-Job Training is diverted to the employer as a wage subsidy to offset the participant's wages. See Section 42-701.2(g)(2).

Authority cited: Sections 10553, 10554, 11209, 11450, 11450(g), 11450.018(a) and (b),

11452.018(a), and 11453, Welfare and Institutions Code; SB 72 (Chapter 8,

Statutes of 2011), Section 42.

Reference: Sections 10553, 10554, 11004, 11017, 11209, 11253.5(d) and (e), 11254,

11265.2, 11265.3, 11265.8(a), 11323.4, 11450, 11450(g), 11450.01, 11450.015, 11450.018(a) and (b), 11451.018(a), 11450.03, 11450.5, 11451.5, 11452, 11453, and 11453(a), Welfare and Institutions Code; Federal Register, Vol. 75, No. 19, dated January 29, 2010, pages 4928 and 4929 [7 CFR 273.12]

(a)(1)(vii)].

Amend Section 44-316 to read:

Section 44-316(MR) Title shall become inoperative and Section 44-316(QR) Title shall become operative in a county on the date the QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's Declaration.

- (MR) 44-316 REPORTING CHANGES AFFECTING ELIGIBILITY AND
 GRANT DETERMINATIONS
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- (QR) 44-316 REPORTING CHANGES AFFECTING ELIGIBILITY AND GRANT DETERMINATIONS AND COUNTY ACTIONS 44-316
- .1 Sections 44-316.1 and .11(MR) shall become inoperative in a county on the date the QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's Declaration. Reserved
- (MR) Required Reporting of All Changes Affecting Eligibility and Grant Determination
- (MR) .11 All recipients are required to promptly report to the county any changes in eligibility or grant determination factors.
- .2 Sections 44-316.2(MR QR) et seq. shall become inoperative and Sections 44-316.2(QR SAR) and .21(QR) et seq. shall become operative in a county on the date the QR/PB SAR becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's County's SAR Declaration.
- (MR) Additionally, prior to the end of each budget period, the county shall request updated information from recipient families concerning all changes affecting eligibility and grant in that budget period or expected changes in subsequent budget periods.
- (MR) For all CalWORKs recipients, such information shall be reported on the CA 7. If the recipient fails to provide the report requested by the county by the deadline provided by Section 40-181.22(MR), then the recipient's grant will be terminated in accordance with Confidentiality, Fraud, Civil Rights, and State Hearings Manual Section 22-072. Though the CA 7 is not applicable to AFDC FC, every effort shall be made by the county to insure that foster parents and children are aware of the necessity to report any change in need or income for the child.
- (QR) Prior to the end of each QR Payment Quarter, the county shall request updated information from recipient families concerning all changes affecting eligibility and grant amount from the QR 7 Reporting Period and expected income changes in the next QR Payment Quarter.
- (SAR) Prior to the end of each SAR Payment Period, the county shall request updated information from recipient families concerning all changes affecting eligibility and grant amount from the current SAR Payment Period and any known income changes in the next SAR Payment Period.

- (QR) .21 For all CalWORKs recipients, such information shall be reported on the QR 7. If the recipient fails to provide the report requested by the county by the deadline provided by Section 40-181.22(QR), then the recipient's grant will be terminated in accordance with Section 22-072.
- (SAR) .21 For all CalWORKs recipients, such information shall be reported on the SAR 7 or the annual redetermination forms (SAWS 2). If the recipient fails to provide the report requested by the county by the deadline provided by Section 40-181.22(SAR), then the recipient's grant will be terminated in accordance with Section 22-072.
- (QR) .22 Section 44-316.22(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date the QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's Declaration.
- (QR) The county shall use the QR 7 to determine continued eligibility as specified in Section 40-181.
- (SAR) .22 The county shall use the SAR 7 or SAWS 2 to determine continued eligibility as specified in Section 40-181.
- (QR) .23 Section 44-316.23(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date the QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's Declaration.
- (QR) Additionally, the county shall compare the QR 7 submitted for that QR Payment Quarter to all mid-quarter reports that were reported during that QR Payment Quarter to ensure that mid-quarter circumstances reported are consistent with the circumstances reported on the QR 7.
- (SAR) .23 Additionally, the county shall compare the SAR 7 or SAWS 2 submitted for that SAR Payment Period to all mid-period reports that were received during that SAR Payment Period to ensure that mid-period circumstances reported are consistent with the circumstances reported on the SAR 7 or SAWS 2.
- (QR) .231 Section 44-316.231(QR) shall become operative in a county on the date the QR/PB becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the Director's Declaration.
 - (QR) If the information reported on the QR 7 is inconsistent with the information provided in any mid quarter reports made during the QR 7 Reporting Period, the county shall take action to resolve the discrepancy. The county shall first attempt to contact the recipient to resolve the discrepancy. If the county is unable to contact the recipient or obtain resolution from such contact, the QR 7 shall be considered incomplete.
- (SAR) .231 If the information reported on the SAR 7 or SAWS 2 is inconsistent with the information provided in any mid-period reports made during the SAR Reporting Period, the county shall take action to resolve the discrepancy. The

county shall first attempt to contact the recipient to resolve the discrepancy. If the county is unable to contact the recipient or obtain resolution from such contact, the SAR 7 or SAWS 2 shall be considered incomplete.

- .3 Section 44-316.3(QR) et seq. shall become <u>inoperative and Section 44-316.3(SAR) et seq. shall become</u> operative in a county on the date the QR/PB <u>SAR</u> becomes effective in that county, pursuant to the <u>Director's County's SAR</u> Declaration.
- (QR) Mid-Quarter Actions
- (QR) The county shall act on specified changes that occur mid-quarter. Mid-quarter changes to cash aid shall be acted on separately and sequentially under quarterly reporting/prospective budgeting and include:

(SAR) Mid-Period Actions

- (SAR) The county shall act on specified changes that occur mid-period. Mid-period changes to cash aid shall be acted on separately and sequentially under semi-annual reporting/prospective budgeting rules and include:
- (QR) .31 Recipient Mid-Quarter Voluntary Reports
- (QR) Recipients may voluntarily report verbally or in writing, changes in income and circumstances any time during the QR Payment Quarter. The county shall also accept a report of decreased income on the QR 7 as a voluntary mid-quarter report when the QR 7 is received in the Submit Month of the QR Payment Quarter. When a voluntary report of decreased income is received in the Submit Month, the county shall also treat this information as updated QR 7 income information (see Section 44-315.314(QR)) when determining cash aid for the next QR Payment Quarter. The county shall take action on voluntary reports that increase cash aid or the recipient requests voluntary discontinuance of aid. If the grant would decrease (for reasons other than a voluntary discontinuance of aid) or not change based on the voluntary report (except as provided in Section 44-318.152(a)(QR)), the county shall not take action to change the grant, but shall send a notice pursuant to Section 22-071.12(QR). Recipients must provide all verifications within ten days of a voluntary report prior to county action.

(SAR) .31 Recipient Mid-Period Voluntary Reports

Recipients may voluntarily report verbally or in writing, changes in income and circumstances any time during the SAR Payment Period. The county shall also accept a report of decreased income on the SAR 7 or SAWS 2 as a voluntary midperiod report when the SAR 7 or SAWS 2 is received in the Submit Month of the SAR Payment Period. When a voluntary report of decreased income is received in the Submit Month outside of the SAR 7 or SAWS 2 report, the county shall also treat

this information as updated SAR 7 or SAWS 2 income information (see Section 44-315.314(SAR)) when determining cash aid for the next SAR Payment Period.

- The county shall take action on voluntary reports that increase cash aid or recipient requests to voluntary discontinue their aid. If the grant would decrease (for reasons other than a voluntary discontinuance of aid) or not change based on the voluntary report (except as provided in Section 44-318.152(a)(SAR)), the county shall not take action to change the grant, but shall send a notice pursuant to Section 22-071.12(SAR). Recipients must provide all verifications within ten days of a voluntary report prior to county action.
- (QR) .311 When a voluntary report is made by the recipient regarding changes in income and/or circumstances during the QR Payment Quarter, the county must request verification in writing.
 - (QR) (a) If the recipient provides verification within 10 days of the voluntary midquarter report, the change is effective the first of the month following the voluntary report except as provided in Section 44-316.312(a)(4)(QR).
 - (QR) (b) If the recipient does not provide the necessary verification, the county shall send a No Change NOA to the AU.
 - (QR) (c) If the recipient provides verification after the 10 days, the date the verification is provided shall be considered the date of a voluntary report.
- (SAR) .311 When a voluntary report is made by the recipient regarding changes in income and/or circumstances during the SAR Payment Period, the county must request verification in writing, allowing 10 days.
 - (SAR) (a) If the recipient provides verification within the 10 days given in the request for verification notice, the change is effective the first of the month following the voluntary report except as provided in Section 44-316.312(a)(4)(SAR).
 - (SAR) (b) If the recipient does not provide the necessary verification, the county shall send a No Change NOA to the AU.
 - (SAR) (c) If the recipient provides verification after the 10 days, the date the verification is provided shall be considered the date of the voluntary report.

- (QR) .312 Recipient voluntary reports include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (QR) (a) Decreases in Reasonably Anticipated Income
 - (QR) (1) When an AU voluntary reports a decrease in income from the amount that was reasonably anticipated to be received, the county shall determine if the AU's cash aid will increase based on the changed income amount.
 - (QR) (A) When an AU receives income from more than one source, and reports that its income has decreased, only the income that experienced the decrease shall be recalculated for the current and remaining months of the quarter. The new grant amount shall be calculated using the existing averaged income that didn't change and the recalculated averaged income (the income that decreased).
 - (SAR) (A) When an AU receives income from more than one source, and reports that its income has decreased, only the income that experienced the decrease shall be recalculated for the current and remaining months of the SAR Payment Period.

 The new grant amount shall be calculated using the existing income that didn't change and the recalculated income (the income that decreased).
 - (QR) (B) When an AU consists of more than one person with income and one person experiences a decrease in income, only the changed income shall be recalculated. The new grant amount shall be based on that person's recalculated income along with the existing AUs averaged monthly income that did not change.
 - (SAR) (B) When an AU consists of more than one person with income and one person experiences a decrease in income, only the changed income shall be recalculated. The new grant amount shall be based on that person's recalculated income along with the existing AUs reasonably anticipated monthly income that did not change.
 - (QR) (2) When cash aid would increase due to a voluntary reported decrease in reasonably anticipated monthly income, the county shall determine a new monthly grant amount based on the report of decreased income.
 - (QR) (3) The county shall use the new reasonably anticipated income for the month in which the decreased income occurred or the month it was

reported, whichever is later, and the reasonably anticipated monthly income for the remaining months of the QR Payment Quarter in recalculating cash aid for the month in which the change was reported and remaining months of the QR payment Quarter.

- (SAR) (3) The county shall use the new reasonably anticipated income for the month in which the decreased income occurred or the month it was reported, whichever is later, and the reasonably anticipated monthly income determined for the rest of the SAR Payment Period in recalculating cash aid for the month in which the change was reported and remaining months of the SAR Payment Period.
- (QR) (4) The county shall issue a supplement within ten days of receiving verification. The supplement shall be based on the difference between the recalculated cash aid and the cash aid that was paid for the month the decrease in income is reported or the month the change actually occurs whichever is later and when all verification has been provided (see Section 44-340.34(QR).
- (SAR) (4) The county shall issue a supplement within ten days of receiving verification. The supplement shall be based on the difference between the recalculated cash aid and the cash aid that was paid for the month the decrease in income is reported or the month the change actually occurs, whichever is later, and when all verification has been provided (see Section 44-340.3(SAR).
- (QR) (5) The county shall increase the grant amount for the remainder of the QR Payment Quarter based upon the newly calculated grant in Section 44-316.312(a)(3)(QR).
- (SAR) (5) The county shall increase the grant amount for the remainder of the SAR Payment Period based upon the newly calculated grant in Section 44-316.312(a)(3)(SAR).

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(QR) Example 1:

An exempt AU of three, in Region 1 is in the April/May/June quarter and is receiving a QR Payment Quarter grant of \$192 per month. The grant was based on the mother having reasonably anticipated earned income of \$1200 per month. On April 15, the mother reports that she lost her job and will only receive a \$600 paycheck for the month of April and anticipates no income for the remainder of the quarter. The county requests verification of the job loss and the recipient provides the necessary documentation by April 20. The county shall recalculate aid for QR Payment Quarter as follows:

\$ 600 + 0 + 0 \$ 600	April Actual Income May Reasonably Anticipated Income June Reasonably Anticipated Income Earned Income for the Quarter
÷ 3 \$ 200	Earned Income Divided by Three Reasonably Anticipated Monthly Income (month of report of decreased income plus the remaining months of the current QR Payment Quarter)
\$ 200	Reasonably Anticipated Monthly Income
	Income Disregard
- <u>225</u> \$ 0	Subtotal
	50% Earned Income Disregard
\$ 0	Total Net Nonexempt Income
\$ 704	MAP for Three in Region 1(QR Payment Quarter monthly grant)
\$ 704	Potential Monthly Grant Amount
<u>- 192</u>	Grant Already Received
\$ 512	Supplement

A supplement of \$512 is issued for the family for the month of April and the cash aid is increased to \$704 for May and June.

(SAR) Example 1:

An exempt AU of three, in Region 1 is in the April through September SAR Payment Period and is receiving a grant of \$94 per month. The grant was based on the mother having reasonably anticipated earned income of \$1,200 per month. On June 15, the mother reports that she lost her job and will only receive a \$600 paycheck for the month of June and anticipates no income for the remainder of the SAR Payment Period. The county requests verification of the job loss and the recipient provides the necessary documentation by June 20. The county shall recalculate her aid for the SAR Payment Period as follows:

<u>\$ 600</u>	June Actual Income
<u>-\$112</u>	Earned Income Disregard
<u>\$488</u>	
<u>-244</u>	50% Earned Income Disregard
<u>\$244</u>	Net Nonexempt Income for June
<u>\$638</u>	MAP for three in Region 1
<u>-244</u>	Net Nonexempt Income
<u>\$394</u>	Grant Amount for June

- 94 June Grant Already Received
- \$300 Supplement for June
- + 0 Reasonably Anticipated Income for July through September
- \$638 MAP for three in Region 1
- \$638 Grant Amount for July through September

A supplement of \$300 is issued for the family for the month of June (no later than June 30) and the cash aid is increased to \$638 for July, August, and September.

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- (QR) (6) If the AU voluntarily reports a decrease in earnings that resulted from a loss or reduction in hours of employment, and the county determines that the recipient did not have good cause for the job quit/reduction in hours, the county shall impose a sanction pursuant to Section 42-721.4. However, the county shall not wait to increase cash aid due to voluntary report of decreased income while determining if good cause exists before imposing the sanction. See Section 42-721.44 for the time frame for imposing sanctions.
- (QR) (b) Adding Persons to an Existing AU
 - (QR) (1) When an AU voluntarily reports a new person in the home, the county shall determine:
 - (QR) (A) If the new person is CalWORKs eligible; and
 - (QR) (B) If the new person were added into the AU, the AU would still meet all eligibility conditions; and
 - (QR) (C) If the addition of the new person would increase or decrease the grant amount or render the AU ineligible.
 - (QR) (2) In determining if the new person is CalWORKs eligible, the county shall use the reasonably anticipated averaged income for the new person and the existing AU's income for the month in which the new person was voluntarily reported in the home and the remaining months of the QR Payment Quarter. In making this determination, the county shall not recalculate the existing AU's reasonably anticipated monthly income that was previously computed.
 - (SAR) (2) <u>In determining if the new person is CalWORKs eligible, the county</u> shall use the reasonably anticipated income for the new person and

the existing AU's income for the month in which the new person was voluntarily reported in the home and the remaining months of the SAR Payment Period. In making this determination, the county shall not recalculate the existing AU's reasonably anticipated monthly income that was previously computed.

- (QR) (3) When aid would increase due to the voluntary report of a new person, the county shall add the new person effective the first of the month following the report of the change, in which all verification has been provided and all eligibility conditions have been met.
 - (QR) (A) The county shall include the new person's reasonably anticipated monthly income along with the existing AU's reasonably anticipated monthly income to recalculate cash aid for the month the new person is added and the remaining months of the QR Payment Quarter.
 - (SAR) (A) The county shall include the new person's reasonably anticipated monthly income along with the existing AU's reasonably anticipated monthly income to recalculate cash aid for the month the new person is added and the remaining months of the SAR Payment Period.
 - (QR) 1. The new person's income will be averaged for the remaining months of the QR Payment Quarter. The county shall not recalculate the existing AU's monthly income that was previously computed when adding a new person to the grant.
 - (SAR)

 1. The new person's income will be determined for the remaining months of the SAR Payment Period. The county shall not recalculate the existing AU's monthly income that was previously computed when adding a new person to the grant.
 - (QR) 2. The new grant amount shall be based on the AU's existing averaged monthly income and the new person's calculated averaged monthly income for the months the new person would be included in the AU.
 - (SAR) 2. The new grant amount shall be based on the AU's existing monthly income and the new person's reasonably anticipated income for the months the new person would be included in the AU.

- (QR) (B) The county shall increase the grant amount for the month the new person is added and the remaining months of the QR Payment Quarter based on the recalculation of the AU's cash aid (see Section 44-340.34(QR)).
- (SAR) (B) The county shall increase the grant amount for the month the new person is added and the remaining months of the SAR Payment Period based on the recalculation of the AU's cash aid (see Section 44-340.3(SAR)).
- (QR) (4) When adding a new person who would result in an increase in aid, but the new person does not meet all eligibility conditions, before aid is authorized, the county shall not add the person nor discontinue the existing AU mid-quarter.
- (SAR) (4) When adding a new person who would result in an increase in aid, but the new person does not meet all eligibility conditions before aid is authorized, the county shall not add the person nor discontinue the existing AU mid-period.
- (QR) (5) If the addition of a new person would result in a decrease in the existing AU's cash aid, the county shall not add the new person until the first day of the next QR Payment Quarter that follows the mandatory reporting of the new person on the QR 7, after all verification has been provided and all eligibility conditions have been met (except as provided in Section 82-832.3(QR)).
- (SAR) (5) If the addition of a new person would result in a decrease in the existing AU's cash aid, the county shall not add the new person until the first day of the next SAR Payment Period that follows the mandatory reporting of the new person on the SAR 7 or SAWS 2, after all verification has been provided and all eligibility conditions have been met (except as provided in Section 82-832.3(SAR)).

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(QR) Example: An AU of three (mother and two children) are in a January/February/March Quarter. Father, who is disabled and has a part time job, moves into the home January 10 and is voluntarily reported in January by the AU. The county recalculates aid for the QR Payment Quarter using the father's reasonably anticipated income for the quarter and determines the addition of the father would decrease aid for the existing AU. The county does not add the father into the AU mid-quarter. The county will send a No Change NOA and remind the existing AU to report the father on the next

QR 7, due March 5. If the father is still living in the home, meets all eligibility conditions, and the AU remains eligible, the father will be added into the AU April 1 and his income will be used in the grant calculation for the April/May/June QR Payment Quarter.

(SAR) Example:

An AU of three (mother and two children) are in a January through June SAR Payment Period. Father, who is disabled and has a part time job, moves into the home February 10 and is voluntarily reported in February by the AU. The county recalculates aid for the SAR Payment Period using the father's reasonably anticipated income for the period and determines the addition of the father would decrease aid for the existing AU. The county does not add the father into the AU mid-period. The county will send a No Change NOA and remind the existing AU to report the father on the SAWS 2, due June 15. If the father is still living in the home, meets all eligibility conditions, and the AU remains eligible, the father will be added into the AU July 1 and his income will be used in the grant calculation for the July through December SAR Payment Period.

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- (QR) (6) If adding a new person would render the existing AU ineligible, the county shall not take action mid-quarter to discontinue the existing AU. The county shall discontinue the existing AU, with timely and adequate notice, at the end of the QR Payment Quarter in which the new person is mandatorily reported on the QR 7.
- (SAR)

 (6) If adding a new person would render the existing AU ineligible, the county shall not take action mid-period to discontinue the existing AU. The county shall discontinue the existing AU, with timely and adequate notice, at the end of the SAR Payment Period in which the new person is mandatorily reported on the SAR 7 or SAWS 2.
- (QR) (c) Request Discontinuance for Aid to Existing AU Members
 - (QR) At any time during the QR Payment Quarter, a voluntary request can be made to discontinue the entire AU or any individual AU member who is no longer in the home or is an optional person.
- (SAR) (c) Request Discontinuance for Aid to Existing AU Members

- (SAR) At any time during the SAR Payment Period, a voluntary request can be made to discontinue the entire AU or any individual AU member who is no longer in the home or is an optional person.
- (QR) (1) If a voluntary request for discontinuance is made verbally, the county shall discontinue cash aid at the end of the month in which timely and adequate notice can be provided.
- (QR) (2) If the request for discontinuance was made in writing, the county shall discontinue cash aid at the end of the month with adequate notice.
- (QR) (3) If an individual requests discontinuance from an existing AU, the county shall discontinue the individual even when that individual's request results in a decrease in aid for the remaining AU members.
 - (QR) (A) The county shall not presume that a mid-quarter report of an individual leaving the home is a voluntary request for discontinuance of that AU member. In such circumstances, the county shall verify with the AU if the AU is seeking to discontinue that individual, and shall inform the AU that such a discontinuance shall result in decreased cash aid to the remaining AU members.
 - (SAR)

 (A) The county shall not presume that a mid-period report of an individual leaving the home is a voluntary request for discontinuance of that AU member. In such circumstances, the county shall verify with the AU if the AU is seeking to discontinue that individual, and shall inform the AU that such a discontinuance shall result in decreased cash aid to the remaining AU members.
 - (QR) (B) If an individual AU member who has left the home requests a discontinuance, but the AU has not voluntarily reported the departure, the individual's request for discontinuance takes precedence over the AU's decision to not make this voluntary mid-quarter report.
 - (SAR)

 (B) If an individual AU member who has left the home requests a discontinuance, but the AU has not voluntarily reported the departure, the individual's request for discontinuance takes precedence over the AU's decision to not make this voluntary mid-period report.
- (QR) (d) Request for Recurring Special Needs

- (QR) (1) Recurring special needs that have been requested mid-quarter and have been verified and approved will begin the first of the month in which either the need was reported or the verification substantiates that the need exists, whichever is later, and shall remain in effect until the end of the quarter in which the special need is expected to end, except as provided in Section 44-211.641(QR).
- (SAR) (1) Recurring special needs that have been requested mid-period and have been verified and approved will begin the first of the month in which either the need was reported or the verification substantiates that the need exists, whichever is later, and shall remain in effect until the end of the SAR Payment Period in which the special need is expected to end, except as provided in Section 44-211.641 (SAR).
- (QR) (2) When an AU member becomes pregnant mid-quarter, the county shall make payment according to existing pregnancy special need rules (see Sections 44-211.6 et seq.) and will continue payment of the special need until the end of the quarter in which the child is expected to be born.
- (SAR) (2) When an AU member becomes pregnant mid-period, the county shall make payments according to existing pregnancy special need rules (see Sections 44-211.6 et seq.) and will continue payment of the special need until the end of the SAR Payment Period in which the child is expected to be born.
 - (QR) (A) If the pregnancy is verified to extend beyond the estimated date of confinement and extends into the next QR Payment Quarter, the county shall continue the pregnancy special need payment until the end of the QR Payment Quarter in which the new estimated date of confinement is established or until the newborn is added to the AU. See Section 44-318.15 for when to add the newborn.
 - (SAR)

 (A) If the pregnancy is verified to extend beyond the estimated date of confinement and extends into the next SAR Payment Period, the county shall continue the pregnancy special need payment until the end of the SAR Payment Period in which the new estimated date of confinement is established or until the newborn is added to the AU. See Section 44-318.15 (SAR) for when to add the newborn.

(QR) .32 Recipient Mid-Quarter Mandatory Reports

- (QR) Recipients shall report in person, verbally or in writing, specific changes during the QR Payment Quarter within ten days of when the change becomes known to the AU.
- (SAR) .32 Recipient Mid-Period Mandatory Reports
- (SAR) Recipients shall report in person, verbally or in writing, specific changes during the SAR Payment Period within ten (10) days of when the change becomes known to the AU.
- (QR) .321 The following occurrences shall be reported by the recipient to the county:
 - (QR) (a) Drug felony convictions
 - (QR) (b) Fleeing felon status
 - (QR) (c) Violation of conditions of probation or parole
 - (QR) (d) Address changes
 - (QR) (e) Income exceeding the Income Reporting Threshold (IRT)
 - (SAR) (e) Income exceeding the lowest of three levels of the Income Reporting Threshold (IRT)
- (QR) .322 The county shall discontinue cash aid to the recipient at the end of the month in which timely and adequate notice can be provided when changes specified in Sections 44-316.321(a), (b), and (c) are reported.
- (QR) .323 The county shall act on address changes, in accordance with regulations and procedures regarding changes of residence. (See Sections 40-125 and 42-405.)
- (QR) .324 Income Reporting Threshold (IRT)
 - (QR) (a) The level of income that triggers the need for a CalWORKs AU to report a mid-quarter change in income. The IRT is the greater of 130 percent of the Federal Poverty Level or the level at which an AU becomes financially ineligible.
 - (SAR) (a) The level of income that triggers the need for a CalWORKs AU to report a mid-period change in income. There are three tiers of the IRT under semi-annual reporting, the lowest of which will be the AU's current IRT amount:
 - (SAR) (1) 55 percent of the Federal Poverty Level for a family of three, plus the amount of income last used to calculate the AU's monthly grant amount.

- (SAR) (2) The amount of income likely to render the AU ineligible for CalWORKs benefits.
- (SAR) (3) 130 percent of the Federal Poverty Level or the level at which a household becomes financially ineligible for federal SNAP benefits (called CalFresh in California).

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Handbook Section 44-316.324(a)(SAR) will become operative in a county on the date that SAR is implemented in the county, pursuant to the County's SAR Declaration.

- (SAR) There are three tiers of the IRT under SAR, the LOWEST of which will be the AU's current IRT:
 - 1) Tier one: 55 percent of the monthly income of a family of three at the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) plus the amount of income last used to calculate the AU's grant. (100 percent of the current FPL for a family of 3 as of 12-1-12 is \$1,590.83. 55 percent of \$1,590.83 = \$875. This figure will be updated annually when the FPL is updated.)
 - <u>a.</u> This tier is an INCREASE in income of \$875.
 - <u>b.</u> This tier is the same for all AU sizes, exempt and non-exempt, in Region 1 and <u>2.</u>
 - c. Income over tier one of the IRT will usually only result in a decrease to the benefit amount and will not usually result in the AU losing eligibility for aid.

Example: Tier One of the CalWORKs IRT based on		
various income amounts		
<u>Income</u>	<u>IRT (\$875 + income)</u>	
<u>\$0</u>	\$875 (\$875 + \$0 = \$875)	
<u>\$50</u>	\$925 (\$875 + \$50 = \$925)	
\$100	\$975 (\$875 + \$100 = \$975)	
\$200	\$1,075 (\$875 + \$200 = \$1,075)	
<u>\$300</u>	<u>\$1,175 (\$875 + \$300 = \$1,175)</u>	
\$400	\$1,275 (\$875 + \$400 = \$1,275)	
<u>\$500</u>	\$1,375 (\$875 + \$500 = \$1,375)	
<u>\$600</u>	\$1,475 (\$875 + \$600 = \$1,475)	
<u>\$750</u>	\$1,625 (\$875 +\$750 = \$1,625)	
\$1,000	<u>\$1,875 (\$875 + \$1,000 = \$1,875)</u>	
<u>\$1,500</u>	\$2,375 (\$875 + \$1,500 = \$2,375)	

2) Tier two: The level likely to render an AU ineligible for CalWORKs benefits:

Assistance Unit Size	*Maximum Earned Income Limit Region 1, Non-Exempt	*Maximum Earned Income Limit Region 1, Exempt
<u>0</u>	<u>\$ 112</u>	<u>\$ 112</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>\$ 746</u>	<u>\$ 814</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>\$1,144</u>	<u>\$1,266</u>
<u>3</u>	\$1,388	\$1,540
<u>4</u>	\$1,636	\$1,810
<u>5</u>	<u>\$1,844</u>	\$2,044
<u>6</u>	<u>\$2,056</u>	<u>\$2,284</u>
<u>7</u>	\$2,250	<u>\$2,496</u>
<u>8</u>	\$2,440	<u>\$2,714</u>
<u>9</u>	\$2,628	\$2,922
<u>10</u>	<u>\$2,814</u>	\$3,132
<u>or more</u>		

Assistance Unit Size	*Maximum Earned Income Limit Region 2, Non-Exempt	*Maximum Earned Income Limit Region 2, Exempt
0	<u>\$ 112</u>	<u>\$ 112</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>\$ 712</u>	<u>\$ 780</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>\$1,092</u>	<u>\$1,212</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>\$1,328</u>	<u>\$1,474</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>\$1,562</u>	<u>\$1,730</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>\$1,762</u>	<u>\$1,958</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>\$1,964</u>	<u>\$2,182</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>\$2,144</u>	<u>\$2,386</u>
<u>8</u>	\$2,330	\$2,590
<u>9</u>	<u>\$2,508</u>	\$2,792
<u>10</u>	<u>\$2,684</u>	<u>\$2,990</u>
<u>or more</u>		

*Formula: MAP X 2 + \$112

(Example: Non-exempt MAP for an AU of 3 in Region 1 is \$638. $$638 \times 2 + 112 = 1388 .)

3) <u>Tier Three</u>: The level likely to render a family ineligible for federal SNAP benefits. (130 percent of FPL. This Chart will be updated annually.)

Household	Income Reporting Threshold
<u>Size</u>	
<u>1</u>	\$1,18 <u>0</u>
<u>2</u>	\$1,59 <u>4</u>
<u>3</u>	\$2,008
4	\$2,422
<u>5</u>	\$2,836
<u>6</u>	\$3,249
7	\$3,663
8	\$4,077
9	\$4,49 <u>1</u>
10 or more	\$4,905

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- (QR) (b) If any member of the AU or person included in the family MAP, when the AU's current grant was determined, has earned income or begins receiving earned income, the AU must report to the county when the family's combined gross monthly income, earned and unearned, exceeds the AU's IRT during the QR Payment Quarter.
- (SAR) (b) If any member of the AU or person included in the family MAP, when the AU's current grant was determined, has earned income or begins receiving earned income, the AU must report to the county when the family's combined gross monthly income, earned and unearned, exceeds the AU's IRT during the SAR Payment Period.
 - (QR) (1) An AU that has earned income only or a combination of earned and unearned income shall report when the family's combined gross monthly income exceeds the AU's IRT.
 - (QR) (2) An AU that has no income or has unearned income only shall report if they begin to receive earned income that, once combined with other family income, exceeds the AU's IRT.
- (QR) (c) When an AU reports income in excess of the IRT, the county shall redetermine the AU's financial eligibility for the QR Payment Quarter.
- (SAR) (c) When an AU reports income in excess of the IRT, the county shall redetermine the AU's financial eligibility and grant amount for the SAR Payment Period.

- (QR) (1) When the AU reports income in excess of the IRT in the first or second month of the current QR Payment Quarter, the county shall determine if the reported income is reasonably anticipated to continue and whether the AU's net nonexempt monthly averaged income for the remainder of the current QR Payment Quarter will exceed the AU's MAP. If the averaged income is reasonably anticipated to continue to exceed the AU's MAP for the remainder of the QR Payment Quarter, the county shall determine the AU financially ineligible and shall discontinue the AU at the end of the month in which the AU first received the income that exceeded the AU's MAP, with timely and adequate notice (see Section 44-207.23(QR)).
- When the AU reports income in excess of the IRT in the first (SAR) (1) through fifth month of the current SAR Payment Period, the county shall determine if the reported income is reasonably anticipated to continue and whether the AU's net nonexempt monthly income determined for the remainder of the current SAR Payment Period will result in a lower grant amount or will exceed the income eligibility limits for CalWORKs. If the income is reasonably anticipated to continue to result in a lower grant amount for the remainder of the SAR Payment Period, the county shall recalculate the AU's grant amount for the remainder of the SAR Payment Period. If the income is reasonably anticipated to continue to exceed the AU's income eligibility limits for the remainder of the SAR Payment Period, the county shall determine the AU financially ineligible and shall discontinue the AU at the end of the month in which the AU first received the income that exceeded the AU's eligibility limits, with timely and adequate notice (see Section 44-207.23(SAR)).
 - (QR) (A) If the AU reports that the income will no longer exceed the IRT prior to the effective date of the discontinuance, and the county determines that this is reasonably anticipated, the county shall rescind the discontinuance.
 - (SAR)

 (A) If the AU reports that the income will no longer exceed the IRT prior to the effective date of the decrease or discontinuance, and the county determines that this is reasonably anticipated, the county shall rescind the decrease or discontinuance.
 - (QR) (B) If the AU requests restoration of cash aid after the QR Payment Quarter in which the discontinuance takes effect, financial eligibility shall be determined in accordance with Sections 40-125.91 and .92(QR).

- (SAR)
 (B) If the AU requests restoration of cash aid after the SAR

 Payment Period in which they were discontinued for income
 over IRT, financial eligibility shall be determined in
 accordance with Sections 40-125.91 and .92(SAR).
- (QR) (2) When an AU reports income in excess of the IRT in the third month of the current QR Payment Quarter, the county shall determine if the reported income is reasonably anticipated to continue. If the income will continue, the county shall use that information together with the QR 7 information to prospectively determine eligibility and cash aid amount for the next QR Payment Quarter.
- (SAR) (2) When an AU reports income in excess of the IRT in the sixth month of the current SAR Payment Period, the county shall determine if the reported income is reasonably anticipated to continue. If the income will continue, the county shall use that information together with the SAR 7 or SAWS 2 information to prospectively determine eligibility and cash aid amount for the next SAR Payment Period.
- (QR) (d) If income that was reported as being in excess of the IRT is only expected to exceed the IRT for that one month and will not continue to exceed the IRT, the county shall not take action to discontinue cash aid. If the recipient's report indicates there will also be a decrease in the income previously anticipated for the QR Payment Quarter, the county shall treat this additional information as a mid-quarter report.
- (SAR) (d) If income that was reported as being in excess of the IRT is only expected to exceed the IRT for that one month and will not continue to exceed the IRT, the county shall not take action to decrease or discontinue cash aid. If the recipient's report indicates there will also be a decrease in the income previously anticipated for the SAR Payment Period, the county shall treat this additional information as a mid-period report.

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(QR) Example: An AU is in the April/May/June Quarter. In April, the AU reports timely to the county that their earned income exceeded the IRT due to overtime. When determining the reasonably anticipated income for May and June for the AU due to the IRT report, it is discovered that the AU will have no income for those months. Since the income over the IRT will not continue, the AU is not discontinued. The county shall treat this information as a mid-quarter report and recalculate the cash aid

amount, after verification is received, for the decreased income for May and June. If the recalculation results in an increase of cash aid, a supplement will be issued for May and the grant increased for June.

(QR) Income Reporting Threshold (IRT) for Recipient Family

Region One		
*Reporting	Income Reporting	
Size	Threshold	
0	\$227	
1	\$1009	
2	\$1362 Oct. & Nov. 2004) \$1394 (Dec.2004 forward)	
3	\$1698	
4	\$2043	
5	\$2387	
6	\$2732	
7	\$3076	
8	\$3421	
9	\$3766	
10 or more	\$4111	

Region Two		
*Reporting	Income Reporting	
Size	Threshold	
0	\$227	
1	\$1009	
2	\$1354	
3	\$1698	
4	\$2043	
5	\$2387	
6	\$2732	
7	\$3076	
8	\$3421	
9	\$3766	
10 or more	\$4111	
To or more	\$4111	

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Example: An AU is in an April through September SAR Payment Period. In May, the AU reports timely to the county that their earned income exceeded the IRT due to overtime. When determining the reasonably anticipated income for the rest of the SAR Payment Period for the AU due to the IRT report, it is discovered that the AU will lose their job at the end of May and have no income for the remaining months of the SAR Payment Period. Since the income over the IRT will not continue, the AU's grant is not decreased or discontinued. The county shall treat the information about the decreased income as a mid-period report and recalculate the cash aid amount, after verification is received, for the remaining months of the SAR Payment Period (June through September).

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(QR) .33 County Initiated Mid-Quarter Changes

The county shall take mid-quarter action on certain specified changes in eligibility and grant status at the end of the month in which the change occurred even if it results in a decrease in cash aid.

^{*} The numbers in this column reflect the number of persons whose needs are included in the determination of eligibility for the AU. This number may be greater than the family's AU size.

(SAR) .33 County-Initiated Mid-Period Changes

The county shall take mid-period action on certain specified changes in eligibility and grant status at the end of the month in which the change occurred even if it results in a decrease in cash aid.

- (QR) .331 County-initiated actions include:
 - (QR) (a) An adult in the AU reaches the 48-month time limit;
 - (QR) (b) The county imposes a sanction or financial penalty on an individual member of the AU;
 - (QR) (c) The county removes the sanction of an individual who corrects his/her welfare-to-work participation problem, in accordance with Section 42-721.48;
 - (QR) (d) The county removes the penalty for an AU that complies with the CalWORKs program requirements;
 - (QR) (e) A Cal-Learn participant earns a Cal-Learn bonus or sanction;
 - (QR) (f) A child in the AU reaches the age limit (see Section 42-101);
 - (QR) (g) A child in the AU is placed in Foster Care;
 - (QR) (h) A Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) recipient reaches the eight-month RCA time limit:
 - (QR) (i) Aid is authorized for an individual who is currently aided in another AU;
 - (QR) (j) Late QR 7 adjustment;
 - (QR) (k) State Hearing decision resulting in mandatory changes mid-quarter;
 - (QR) (l) When an AU becomes a Family Reunification case;
 - (QR) (m) An AU member is no longer a California resident;
 - (QR) (n) County acts on redetermination information in accordance with Section 40-181.1(QR).
 - (QR) (o) Adjustments to correct erroneous payments caused by (1) incorrect or incomplete recipient QR 7 or mid-quarter reporting; or (2) incorrect

- action or lack of action by the county on QR 7 or mid-quarter information reported by the recipient;
- (QR) (p) When it becomes known to the county that an AU member is deceased;
- (QR) (q) An AU is transferred to a Tribal TANF program;
- (QR) (r) Cost-of-living adjustments for Minimum Basic Standards of Adequate Care (including income in-kind), Maximum Aid Payment, and Social Security;
- (QR) (s) When it becomes known to the county that an individual is confined in a correctional facility on the first of a month and is expected to remain for a full calendar month or more (see Section 82-812.621).

(SAR) .331 County-initiated actions include:

- (SAR) (a) An adult in the AU reaches the 48-month time limit;
- (SAR) (b) The county imposes a sanction or financial penalty on an individual member of the AU;
- (SAR) (c) The county removes the sanction of an individual who corrects his/her welfare-to-work participation problem, in accordance with Section 42-721.48;
- (SAR) (d) The county removes the penalty for an AU that complies with the CalWORKs program requirements;
- (SAR) (e) A Cal-Learn participant earns a Cal-Learn bonus or sanction;
- (SAR) (f) A child in the AU reaches the age limit (see Section 42-101);
- (SAR) (g) A child in the AU is placed in Foster Care;
- (SAR) (h) A Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) recipient reaches the eight-month RCA time limit;
- (SAR) (i) Aid is authorized for an individual who is currently aided in another AU;
- (SAR) (j) Late SAR 7 adjustment;
- (SAR) (k) State Hearing decision resulting in mandatory changes mid-period;
- (SAR) (l) When an AU becomes a Family Reunification case;

- (SAR) (m) An AU member is no longer a California resident;
- (SAR) (n) County acts on redetermination information in accordance with Section 40-181.1(SAR).
- (SAR) (o) Adjustments to correct erroneous payments caused by (1) incorrect or incomplete recipient SAR 7, SAWS 2 or mid-period reporting; or (2) incorrect action or lack of action by the county on SAR 7, SAWS 2 or mid-period information reported by the recipient;
- (SAR) (p) When it becomes known to the county that an AU member is deceased;
- (SAR) (q) An AU is transferred to a Tribal TANF program;
- (SAR) (r) Cost-of-living adjustments for Minimum Basic Standards of Adequate

 Care (including income in-kind), Maximum Aid Payment, and Social

 Security;
- (SAR) (s) When it becomes known to the county that an individual is confined in a correctional facility on the first of a month and is expected to remain for a full calendar month or more (see Section 82-812.61).
- (SAR) (t) Nine-month real property exemption expires (see Section 42-213.12).

Authority cited: Sections 10553, 10554, and 11369, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Reference: Section 10063 (Ch. 270, Stats. 1997), 11265, 11265.1, 11265.2, 11265.3, 11450.5, 11454, and 11454.2, Welfare and Institutions Code; Federal Register, Vol. 75, No. 19, dated January 29, 2010, pages 4928 and 4929 [7 CFR 273.12 (a)(1)(vii)].

44-317 BEGINNING DATE OF AID FOR NEW APPLICATIONS

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When the applicant is found eligible, the following are beginning dates of aid:

- .1 Basic Beginning Date of Aid Determination
 - .11 (Continued)
 - .111 (Continued)
 - (a) In the event the CWD is closed during the regular eight hours of a working day as defined in Sections 11-601.214 and .215, and an application for AFDC CalWORKs benefits is deposited in a drop box, mail slot, or other reasonable accommodation in accordance with Section 11-601.311(b), the "date of application" shall be the date the application is deposited. (Continued)
 - (b) (Continued)

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(c) Example: On Friday, when the CWD is closed, an applicant deposits an application for AFDC <u>CalWORKs</u> benefits in a mail slot designated for that purpose. The application will be date stamped with Friday's date or it will be otherwise indicated on the application that it was received on Friday, the date of application. Had the applicant made a request for Homeless Assistance, <u>Food Stamp CalFresh</u> Expedited Services, Medi-Cal, or <u>AFDC CalWORKs</u> Immediate Need via the local telephone service on Friday, the date of application would be Friday and the application would have to be processed within established time frames.

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(a) At the time these regulations were promulgated, social security enumeration, application for unconditionally available income (including UIB), work registration of the principal earner who is exempt from GAIN WTW due to remoteness, work registration of the nonfederal principal earner, and cooperation with the District Attorney in accordance with MPP 43-201.1 were the only technical conditions of

- eligibility. If any new technical conditions of eligibility are established, this handbook section will be amended.
- (b) Example: A family applies for AFDC <u>CalWORKs</u> on April 3. The county schedules the face-to-face interview on April 10. At that time the county determines that on April 3 the applicant had \$\frac{1}{2},200\$ in a bank account, but on April 6 the bank account was down to \$\frac{1}{1},900. The beginning date of aid for this family is April 6, since it was on that date that the family met the eligibility requirement for the AFDC Program CalWORKs.
- (c) Example: A family applies for AFDC CalWORKs on November 10. All family members meet the eligibility requirements except for the youngest child who does not have an SSN. On November 20, the CWD authorizes aid for everyone but the one child because verification of a completed application for an SSN had not been received. On December 10, the CWD received a copy of the MC 194 which indicated that an application for an SSN was completed on November 15 and is being processed. The county rescinds the denial for the child and authorizes aid effective November 10.

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.113 The beginning date of aid for each member of the AU may vary.

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Example: A family applies for aid on September 1. The family consists (a) of mother, her two children, her husband and their common child. The husband is the principal earner but does not have a connection to the labor force. The common child received three months of State only AFDC-U within the last 12 months and will not be eligible to be aided again until September 16. All eligibility conditions were met as of the date of application. The beginning date of aid will be September 1 for mother and her two children. The husband can be aided as an essential person stepparent effective September 1. The common child will be added to the AU on September 16. A family applies for CalWORKs on November 10. All family members meet the eligibility requirements except for the youngest child who does not have an SSN. On November 20, the CWD authorizes aid for everyone but the one child because verification of a completed application for an SSN had not been received. On December 20, the CWD receives a copy of the MC 194 which indicated that an application for an SSN was completed on December 15 and is being processed. The CWD authorizes aid for the youngest child effective December 15.

- (b) Example: Same scenario as 44-317.112(c). However, on December 20, the county receives a copy of the MC 194 which indicates that an application for an SSN was completed on December 12 and is being processed. The county authorizes aid for the youngest child beginning December 12.
- (c) Example: Mother gave birth on January 4. She was discharged from the hospital on January 7. She had not been receiving a pregnancy special need; nor did she report the birth to the county until March 9, at which time she submitted verification that her child had been enumerated at birth. The beginning date of aid for the child is March 9.

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.114 (Continued)

- .2 Aid Begins on a Specified Date (Continued)
 - .22 When the mother of a newborn is being aided as a pregnant woman in accordance with MPP Sections 44-205.61 and 82-836 or is receiving a pregnancy special need payment in accordance with MPP Section 44-211.6 in the month of birth:, the newborn and the father of the newborn shall be added to the case as described in Sections 44-318.15 and .16.
 - .221 Aid for the otherwise eligible newborn begins on the date of birth, or the date all conditions of eligibility are met, whichever is later, even though verification or documentation of the conditions of eligibility is received at a later date; and
 - .222 Aid for the otherwise eligible father begins on the date of the newborn's birth when he is living with the assistance unit on that date or the date the father meets all conditions of eligibility, whichever is later, even though verification or documentation of the conditions of eligibility is received at a later date. (Continued)
- .6 Intraprogram Status Changes
 - .61 Transfer from Medically Needy to AFDC Cash Grant CalWORKs Recipient (Continued)
 - .62 Transfers Between AFDC (FG or U) CalWORKs and AFDC-FC
 - .621 The BDA for a child converting from AFDC-FC to AFDC (FG or U) CalWORKs shall be the date he/she is placed in his/her parent's or relative's home or the date eligibility conditions are met, whichever is later.

- .622 When a child in an FBU CalWORKs AU is moved to foster care, the effective date of AFDC-FC assistance is the date he/she is placed in an AFDC-FC eligible facility and is otherwise AFDC-FC eligible.
- .623 When a child is transferring from AFDC-FC to AFDC-FG/U CalWORKs, or vice versa, but remains in the home of the same related caretaker, the effective date of program transfer is the first of the month following the request for change of program. (See Section 45-202.212(a).)

.63 Transfers from EA-UP to AFDC

.631 AFDC is paid beginning the day following the day on which EA UP eligibility expires. See Section 41-500.

.643 Transfers from AFDC-FC to Kin-GAP

.64<u>3</u>1 When a child is transferring from AFDC-FC to Kin-GAP, but remains in the home of the same caretaker relative, the BDA of Kin-GAP is the first of the month following the dismissal of the dependency (see Section 90-105.132). AFDC-FC shall be paid until the Kin-GAP payment begins.

.654 Transfers Between CalWORKs and Kin-GAP

.6541 When a child is transferring from CalWORKs to Kin-GAP, or vice versa, but remains in the home of the same related caretaker, the effective date of the program transfer is the first of the month following the request for change of program or the dismissal of the dependency (see Section 90 105.132). (Continued)

Authority cited: Sections 10553, 10554, 10604, 11209, and 11369, Welfare and Institutions Code.

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